

## **Superintendent's Welcome**

Welcome to the Sayre Area School District, and thank you for visiting our website. The Sayre Area School District is committed to the success of all students, and through valuable partnerships with local universities, businesses, public service organizations, hospital, and district residents, our schools provide outstanding programming. Our faculty and staff approach education from a whole-child perspective that challenges the hearts and minds of all students.

### **District Mission**

The mission of the Sayre Area School District is “Educating Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s World.” The Sayre Area School District provides an impressive blend of rigorous core academic courses, relevant career and technical education programs through our partnership with the Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC), and a host of opportunities in business, fine arts and music, foreign language, and industrial arts technology. Our district also has partnered with the Waverly Area School District, located just across the border in New York state, to offer courses such as pre-engineering and engineering technology to students who are interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and we hope to increase our offerings in future years. To complement our academic programs, our district offers and encourages our students to get involved in exciting extra-curricular opportunities and to participate in our athletic programs.

### **District Vision**

While working collaboratively, our district vision is to inspire a passion for learning, a commitment to excellence, and a respect for individuals as we prepare our students to face ever-changing global demands. In this vision, we believe that our:

- Schools are student-centered, research and data driven, and future focused.
- Challenges and successes are used as a catalyst for future growth, improvement and change.
- Schools focus on all students.
- District utilizes standardized, state-of-the-art technology.
- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are continually evolving to ensure alignment with academic standards.
- Schools use best instructional and assessment practices.
- District provides schools and resources that support proper programming, pre-K through adult.
- Schools, parents, and community work together to provide well rounded educational opportunities.

Also embedded in our vision are the following shared values that are built around the concept that all students can reach proficiency with support:

- The District is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all.
- All staff will work cooperatively with parents, students and community in a combined effort to increase and support student learning.
- Differentiated instruction will be based on on-going assessment data and the application of research-based instructional strategies to meet the needs of every learner.
- District decisions will be based on student performance data to ensure that students demonstrate their highest levels of proficiency.

- All students bring diverse backgrounds requiring differentiated approaches to teaching and learning.
- Classroom instruction must be engaging, purposeful, and relevant. Effective educators employ best practices and nurture a culture conducive to student learning and continuous professional growth.
- Education is enhanced when there is collaboration, open communication, and shared responsibility among stakeholders; students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, school board, and community members.

I encourage you to explore our website, and I hope that you will return often to learn about the many exciting things that are occurring here. Once again, thank you for taking the time to learn about our school district, and I hope to see you at a district event in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherry E. Griggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sherry E. Griggs, D.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools