

## Whitefish Bay School District



Dr. John W. Thomsen Superintendent of Schools

To the fine residents of the Village of Whitefish Bay, on behalf of our students and team members, we thank you for your ongoing support and pride in the Whitefish Bay School District. The Whitefish Bay School District has demonstrated a long tradition and history of success. We believe this is due to the perfect combination of factors. This combination includes focused and motivated **Students**, supportive and encouraging **Families**, and a remarkably talented and dedicated **Team**.



**Students -** Our collective student population comes to school motivated and ready to learn. I am continually impressed by the ownership our students take in their learning, the engagement they demonstrate on a daily basis, and the care and compassion they demonstrate to each other and to the adults around them. It is clear to me that our students understand that learning will be a lifelong journey and that it begins here. To our students, I invite you to embrace the concept of lifelong learning and continuous improvement. One never achieves perfection, but I invite you to embrace making continuous progress and strive towards excellence.

**Families -** Thank you to our families for trusting us to work with your students in all of their school endeavors. Learning to read, write, think critically about the world around them, and act with understanding, compassion, and kindness is only possible when they are supported by families. We understand and welcome our families' high expectations. Meeting those expectations is possible as a result of the ongoing support.

**Team -** I am incredibly inspired by and proud of our team members who commit themselves to serving students and families on a daily basis. Working in schools is a tremendous responsibility and privilege. Our team strives to support each student academically and assist them in building relevant transferable skills in a supportive environment that nurtures whole child development. We attend to each student's social and emotional development so we remain an exceptional place to learn. I encourage you, whenever possible, to thank a team member who has been especially helpful to the growth and development of your student.

This year's Annual Bulletin theme is "**Remembering our Why**." We hope you enjoy the related vignettes and this year's edition of the Annual Bulletin.

Yours in Education,

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Dr. John W. Thomsen, Superintendent of Schools

An Exceptional Place to Learn: **By the Numbers** 



Ranked Comprehensive High School in Wisconsin - US News & World Report



Best School District in Milwaukee County - Niche, 2023



District with the Best Teachers in Wisconsin - Niche, 2023



District named Best Place to Work - Employ Humanity, 2023

**100%** of Schools & District are Significantly Exceeding Expectations in Statewide Accountability Measures

District Enrollment: Attendance 2891 Rate 95.4% Students 13.8:1 344 Student to Employees Staff Ratio National Board Teachers with a master's Certified degree or higher Teachers

**61%** of teachers have been here more than 7 years

## ACT: Composite Score: **25.1** ACT above 25: 20+ years

AP Scores 3+: 275 Exams Taken 744 Students 331

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