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Dear Chargers,

Be greeted with a teacher's smile as you walk down the hallway. Veer in a classroom and see it hopping with excitement for learning. What is it called? Charger Pride! It is the collective essence of all of the characteristics, qualities, attitudes, and principles our students and staff consistently demonstrate. It is the fortitude with which our schools thrive, and it is the students and staff who champion that spirit.

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Research supports the importance of educators and parents working together in order to achieve student success. We are committed to providing excellence in our academic program and the staff is eager and enthusiastic to help students be successful. My heart-felt goal for Carbondale Area students, and hopefully yours too, is to establish a partnership among the parents, the teachers, and the school.

A host of extracurricular opportunities are available to students based upon their individual interests and talents. I invite you to attend our numerous extra-curricular events on campus. You can view Carbondale Area events on GoFMX at <http://www.carbondalearea.org/calendar/>. Several of our student-athletes, cheerleaders, and band members began their preparation for representing Carbondale Area in the summer and now have their opportunity to demonstrate their talents.

Our continued mission is simple: prepare all students to be active and productive citizens. As the superintendent, I am able to observe this mission in action. Our staff has worked diligently to develop our future leaders and give them the tools to be successful in life. As we charge into the future, we will continue our progress to improve instruction for all students. We will dive deeper into several initiatives from the 2022-2023 school year. Mindfulness, social-emotional learning, and resiliency will continue to be a focal point. Literacy across the curriculum will continue to be a focus for 2023-2024. Our goal is to develop a fundamental literacy base for all students and to provide them with the skills they need for career readiness.

Together, we will continue to prepare our students to be innovative thinkers and sharper communicators, to demonstrate their overall knowledge, and to become better readers and writers. My hope for the remainder of the school year is to keep open the door to communication with our students and service to our public, as well as the door to my office, in order that it might be opened more frequently by all. As visitors tour our schools, they see why we proudly say, "Always a Charger!"

Thank you for your continued support.

With Charger Pride,

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