



# ***Lewiston-Porter Central School District***

*Aiming Higher*

Dear Lewiston-Porter Central Community Stakeholders:

Well we made it! The 2020-21 school year is officially in the books. I think we are all ready to move on from this incredibly difficult year. I want to thank the entire school community for the ongoing support over the course of this school year; a school year unlike any other. It has not been easy for sure. From the establishment of basically two schools in September (the Hybrid Learning school and the Remote Learning school) to our ability to finally have all students that wished to attend, back on campus full-time in April/May 2021, each day brought its unique challenges. We learned about quarantine, how to teach through Zoom and Google classroom and everything in between. It was not perfect and certainly there is no option that can surpass all students on campus everyday working directly face to face with a teacher.

## **ONE PURPOSE, YOUR PATHWAY, OUR PROMISE.**



Overall however, I believe we did the best we could do. We followed the guidance, we kept our school community safe and ultimately, we were able to return to full instruction. We appreciate the ongoing communication and feedback with our full stakeholder community. Thank you for your support.

I especially offer my thanks and congratulations to the Class of 2021. A student's Junior and Senior year are always very special times. The Class of 2021 had both years greatly disrupted as a result of the pandemic. I am so sorry that, after all these students have been through, the Class of 2021 had their graduation ceremony disrupted by the rain. But in typical fashion this Class of 2021 with grace, class and great sense of humor pushed through, walked across that stage and on to the next phase of life. We made it... together. Best of luck to you all.

While we have not received official guidance yet from the New York State Department of Education, I am very hopeful that the 2021-22 school year will see a return to a more "normal" approach to school. We certainly ended in a better spot and with the data looking better every day, I would like to say that the 2021-22 K-12 school experience should reopen to a more traditional approach. We look forward to having ALL students back on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

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