

## A Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome!

I personally welcome you to the Portageville School District. In the Portageville School District, students will be provided a first-class educational learning experience and the opportunity to grow through the many extracurricular activities offered. The district's Board of Education, administration, and staff are committed to developing a culture that provides opportunities for academic excellence, social growth, and personal development for all students.

The Portageville School District has approximately 700 students and over 100 faculty/staff members split among the main buildings. The district continues to make improvements to our programs and campus facilities to provide students with a positive school environment in which to grow and learn. The recent expansion of our Preschool program by adding a second classroom and increasing to a full-day of learning demonstrates our commitment to addressing the needs of parents for quality childcare while improving young children's ability to succeed socially and academically. The district's new reading curriculum fosters growth and creates excitement for young readers. A new F.E.M.A. storm shelter, which will provide additional classroom space for the district, will be added to the campus this year to ensure the safety of our students and staff during the school day and of our community members after school hours.

The district's staff is fully committed to providing a top-notch educational experience for the students. Portageville teachers are fully certified in the content area for which they teach and are dedicated to teaching, guiding, and protecting the students. In addition to providing great learning experiences for students during the school day, the staff also provides tutoring services before and after school. Parent and family involvement are also encouraged by the staff in order to develop a supportive learning environment for students. Many staff members serve as sponsors of extracurricular activities and coaches of sports teams so students may learn the values of teamwork while growing physically, socially, and emotionally.

I encourage students to take advantage of all educational opportunities provided at the Portageville School District and I welcome an open and constructive dialogue between parents, district administrators, and teachers to support the students. I am closing by offering three basic elements of advice to students to guide them throughout the school year.

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*(1) Treat people like you want to be treated.*

*(2) It does not matter where you came from. It just matters where you are going.*

*(3) Always leave it better than you found it, regardless of what "it" may be.*

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I look forward to a successful year for all students! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Michael Allred, Superintendent  
Portageville School District