

Four months have passed since we began this new school year. We transitioned out of summer into fall, and now patiently await the chilly months of winter. Metaphorically speaking, our district is also in a transitional or continuous improvement period.

In August, we began the year with excitement and expectations for more significant student achievement. In September, the expectations did not diminish, nor did the enthusiasm wane. October revealed areas to be addressed as analyses of student performance data were conducted. During November and now into December, the entire Clarendon School District One family is working synchronously to continue the course towards excellence in the academics, the arts, and the athletics.

Clarendon One has a rich history of excelling. So that our history of student success continues, we must keep first things first: ***“one team, one vision, every student, every day.”*** Simply, we must be about the business of making our chief priority the well-being and wholeness of our students and the meaningful engagement of parents in the educational process. Therefore, I encourage each employee to engage in the following:

- Appreciate each day as it is a privilege to serve the best and the brightest scholars in the state, nation, and world;
- Demonstrate respect and exhibit a cordial attitude to students, fellow employees, parents/guardians, and others;
- Spend time listening to and encouraging each child with positive, endearing words and comments;
- Be a professional team member whose actions and words epitomize the culture and expectations of the District. Demonstrate self-respect, integrity, honesty, and characteristics of a visionary and transformative leader;
- Show your commitment and support of your employer- Clarendon School District One. Be liberal in giving of your time, energy, and resources to make the lives of our students better and more promising; and lastly,
- Be all that you have been created to be.

CSD1 is fortunate to have devoted and caring employees. May our students always be the benefactors of our wisdom, support, respect, love, and commitment. May they always experience better and brighter tomorrows.

Always an Eagle,

Barbara R. Champagne