

Dear Members of the Board, Leadership Team, Staff and Community:

I am looking forward to joining the talented staff and leadership team within the community of Menomonee Falls.

Menomonee Falls has a tradition of excellence. I served as the assistant principal of North and the elementary principal of Ben Franklin during the 1980s. I have experienced directly the care of the staff, leaders and families in setting a vision for student learning and opportunities. The focus on community partnership, the value placed in sustaining strong schools, and the collective focus on the future are recognized. I look forward to working with the team and the community to sustain and enhance the very best this community has to offer.

I have lived in West Bend since 1983. My children have attended, and benefitted personally, from the West Bend Public Schools since their kindergarten year. My parents valued deeply education for me that they never had access to. I in turn value deeply the education for my children and the access to strong educational opportunities for each child. I deeply believe in the promise of public education. Nations across the world struggle creating the access to education that we have for each child within our country. This promise and the impact that education has on the strength of our communities and our nation has always been critical. How we protect that promise for each child in ensuring quality opportunities and strong educational outcomes will fundamentally impact the future. People matter, we know that too. And, the work of this team on behalf of students will forge the very best for the community in the years to come.

I [am thankful](#) for the board and the members of the interview team for the care they took in making a very important decision. I thank them also for the trust they have placed in me. I look forward to working with staff, leaders, the board, and the community at large. And I am very excited to be joining your team.

If you know anyone who wants to buy a home in West Bend, have them give me a call. We are anxious to join the community.

Sincerely,

Pat Herdrich