



A Welcome Message from Superintendent Cary Myers

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I am honored to be the superintendent for the Gracemont Public Schools and to serve this great community. As a life-long educator the start of school signifies a special time of year filled with excitement and possibility. I can remember preparing for the new school year as a student and the hopeful anticipation I felt for the year ahead - excitement about the friends I would make, my teachers, and what I might learn and yes sports. On July 1st, my first day in the position of Superintendent of schools, I can see and hear this same hopeful energy from many of our students and their families.

We all know these past few years have tested all of us, and I am proud of how our Gracemont community rose to the challenge. We learned a lot about ourselves, each other, and saw great things happen for students when we worked together. While we will continue to face challenges, it's time to focus on what we do best – educating students.

I am determined for our students to have access to high-quality teaching and learning. I believe it is the district's responsibility to deliver what each student needs to be successful. This school year, we will be focused on making sure that each and every student receives what they need – when they need it. I am personally committed to making sure that the Gracemont Public Schools is a place your child feels welcome and is academically challenged and successful.

As superintendent I want to build on the strengths of the district, implement proven strategies to address challenges, and eliminate barriers to student achievement. We will use data to drive our decisions, monitor progress, and share our learning with the community.

The success of our students also requires the support and involvement of our broader community. Thanks to our generous voters and approval of the Projects Bond, we can continue to provide critical student support and services for Gracemont Public Schools.

As your superintendent I want to continue learning what is working for our students and where there are areas for growth. During the next few months, I look forward to hearing directly from students, families, staff, partners, and community members on what their expectations are for the future of Gracemont Public Schools. I hope you join me in these important conversations. Together we can make students' hopes and dreams a reality. In partnership,

*Superintendent Cary Myers
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