

Dear Mount Calm Community,

I am grateful and honored to be your Superintendent. We have much to be proud of here in Mount Calm. I realize that quality public education happens when students, parents, staff and the community work together to create learning environments where everyone thrives. It is very exciting to be a part of the Mount Calm ISD's journey toward increased student achievement and educational excellence. Mount Calm is excelling because everyone wants the best for the District.

I believe it is important for the community to know who I am and why I love public education. Education runs deep in my family. My wife has been in education for 17 years and works for ESC XII in Waco. My father was a board member for Harper ISD for almost 8 years. My wife's parents both put in 30 years in education *each!* My brother-in-law is an administrator in a near by district. Family is important to me. Not a day goes by that I don't think of them and their school experiences. I share this with you because my life as a father has influenced my passion for education and leadership. In the future, I hope that my children (and one day my grandchildren) and the next generation will believe that our work to improve learning and provide opportunities for all children helped create a better world.

I have been in public education as a teacher, building administrator, and superintendent for 26 years. And, over that 26 years, I have determined that public education is the great equalizer for all of our children. Hard work, perseverance, and grit are qualities that enrich our lives well beyond school. I want Mount Calm to be known for its excellence in academics, extracurricular activities and the positive relationships that exist among staff, students, and the families within our community.

My mission as your Superintendent is my passion. Being an educational leader is what I do. We all desire the same things. We want Mount Calm ISD to be recognized as a leader in public education. We want students to be challenged daily in a safe and nurturing environment. We want the environment to be abundant in community, rich in rigor, and to provide students with the skills and attributes needed to pursue the opportunities of their choice after high school graduation.

One of our goals this year is to reach out to our community. Our motto is:

We are here for you! We are here for community!

I invite our community to see firsthand the amazing transformations taking place in our schools. Together with our community, we will strive to provide quality learning opportunities for all of our students in an environment that exemplifies kindness, determination, and hope for the future.

James E. Wright II
Superintendent