

For those of you that do not already know me, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone as I begin my time here at Superior. I am John Whetzal and I am excited to be at Superior working with the staff and your children. My wife, Lora and I taught in Belleville in the early 2000's and have always watched for an opportunity to return to the area and have been nothing but impressed with the community and school system since my arrival. She will be wrapping her final year up at her alma-mater in Centralia, Kansas this year and plans to join me for the 2024-2025 school year. Our son Evan is a banker in Seneca, Kansas. He and his wife Ashley, who is a fifth-grade teacher have three children. Our daughters, Logan and Keaton both live in Kansas City. Logan is a graphic designer for a pharmaceutical company and Keaton begins her first year of the Occupational Therapy program at KU Med next month. Logan's husband, Sean recently returned from a year-long deployment in the Middle East and will begin graduate school at KU next month. If you have an opportunity to introduce yourself either in public or at a school function, please take the opportunity to do so. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

There are a couple of items that may directly affect your family that I want to briefly mention in closing. Recently, we were notified that Superior qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). What this means for our families is that this district qualifies for free meals for all students and our families will not be required to pay for student meals. The Summer Food Service program also allows us to serve breakfast and lunch through the summer and any student eighteen years or younger is eligible to eat at the school cafeteria through the summer. This is great news for all families as every little bit helps anymore. Students are required to pay for seconds, À la carte items, and extra milk.

New construction on the building continues but is running behind schedule. We remain optimistic for the August 10th start date for students and I will keep everyone informed with accurate information if that changes and has been confirmed.

The start of school will be here before you know it so please make sure you enjoy the additional time with your children while you can. I am excited about the upcoming year and getting to know as many of you as possible. I will see you in August!

John Whetzal
Superior Superintendent