

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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### "Schools Important in Sylvania"

There can be many reasons why families choose to move to a community. For a location to be under consideration, a wide range of quality of life offerings can be important. Not the least of these is the quality of the local schools. Schools in Sylvania offer some of the best educational options in northwest Ohio.

There are many other quality of life issues that make Sylvania one of the most desirable places to live in northwest Ohio: terrific recreational programming and venues, safe neighborhoods, responsive police/fire, available health care, dependable neighborhood services such as trash pickup, curbside recycling and snow removal, a vibrant downtown, and a highly rated Senior Center.

The number one quality of life issue for many families, however, are the excellent educational options available here in Sylvania. Not just the outstanding Sylvania Schools, but excellent parochial and private schools as well. We are even a college town, with Lourdes University right here in Sylvania, and the many cultural benefits that brings.

My parents chose to move to Sylvania while I was in elementary school. My brother and I both benefitted from attending the Sylvania Schools, and went on to successful university experiences and productive professional careers. My wife and I chose the same for our three children, who are also successful products of the Sylvania Schools.

And it is not just the classroom experience that our children benefit from. It is all the other learning experiences available to Sylvania students – music, drama, athletics, technology, clubs and more. Wherever I travel around Ohio, I find Sylvania is best known for the quality and success of our young people. They are the most important people in Sylvania.

Schools are reopening the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2024-2025 school year. That includes all the school activities, sports and extracurriculars, including the start of high school football with a new stadium at Northview High School. Lourdes University is also welcoming back their students, adding another level of activity in Sylvania.

Once again, watch out for our children traveling to and from school. Although many ride school busses, many do not. Many of the children have been to Safety City to learn how to be safe on their trips to and from school. They have safety guards to help and guide them. But they all need our patience and vigilance to help keep them safe, especially with all the road construction underway this year.

Best wishes to all the students, teachers, staff, parents and volunteers as you begin the 2024-2025 school year here in Sylvania!

