



## Script of Dr. Block's May 8, 2023 Teacher Appreciation Video Message

Hello Livingston Public Schools Community. This is Matt Block Superintendent of Schools

This week; Monday, May 8th through this Friday, May 12th, has been designated "Teacher Appreciation Week" 2023.

As we begin this annual celebration, we should take the time to remember that our LPS team of educators is second to none. The LPS Team is made up of individuals who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty for their schools and their students. Our team members are knowledgeable, professional, talented, and care deeply about the children who come through our doors each day.

Recently the pressures on educators have increased, and they have had to overcome hurdles that could not have been anticipated as recently as a few years ago. As our team members continue to provide support for students before and after school and run clubs, teams, and extracurricular programs, many have also been teaching extra classes, and have helped to fill in as substitute teachers during times of the school day they normally use to grade assignments and prepare lessons. Despite the huge amount of content that must be taught, they ensure that learning experiences are engaging, cutting-edge, and impactful.

Most importantly, through their caring and kindness, teachers shape and change lives, and their impact and influence are felt well beyond the hours and days in the classroom. Who we are, and who we become as people is influenced by our teachers particularly when they challenge us and push us to and past our perceived limits. Teachers are amazing people.

So, this year, instead of sending a message directly to the LPS educator team, I am sending a message to you, the LPS Community, reminding everyone that it is you who can provide "the best appreciation" for Teacher Appreciation Week. I think our teachers will feel most appreciated receiving a message of thanks from their students and students' families.

I strongly encourage all of our students and families to send a message to a teacher or multiple teachers this week, to remind them that their hard work, persistence, dedication, patience, and encouragement are noticed and appreciated. Please take a few moments to send a message that will help our educators remember their positive impact. If we all send at least one message this week, we will most certainly create a very special Teacher Appreciation Week for our LPS educators.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week, everyone..... and thank you, teachers!