



Dear River Bend Staff, Students, and Families,

Happy New Year! Hopefully the recent break provided a chance for rest and rejuvenation. Now, it's time to raise the anchor and steer towards a successful and impactful second half of the school year!

#### Steamer Staff: Setting the Course

To our dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff, you are the navigators of our mission. We look forward to our shared time this semester focusing on collaborative planning and a sustained commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Your tireless efforts are recognized and deeply appreciated. Let's maintain a steady course toward instructional excellence and professional growth.

#### Steamer Students: Charting Your Future

Students, you are the captains of your education. The second semester offers each of you a fresh start for new achievements and discoveries. It is a time to double down on your studies and explore new interests. Remember that every day matters. There's no limit to where your potential can take you, Steamer Nation!

#### Steamer Families: Anchors of Support

To our families, you are the essential anchors for our students. Education is a true partnership, and your continued involvement, whether by encouraging consistent attendance, checking in on homework, or participating in school events, is crucial for our collective success. We invite you to stay connected with our schools and teachers as we steer our students toward high academic and personal achievements.

#### Steamer Community: Building on our Success

To our Steamer Community, we took your feedback on the proposed building projects and their impact on your taxes seriously and are moving forward with only the most critical updates at this time. We worked with board and community members as well as our finance and building partners to come up with more affordable, non-referendum options for building a new gymnasium and fitness space at River Bend Middle School and repairing the roofs at each of the three main campuses. This work will begin in the summer of 2026 with the space available for student use as early as fall 2027.



Let the start of this second semester be a renewed commitment to our shared vision. With our purpose clear and our team united, we are prepared to navigate the rest of the 2025 - 2026 school year. I look forward to the wonderful achievements and positive momentum that this semester will bring. Welcome back, and Full Steam Ahead!

Sincerely,

Dr. Darryl Hogue, Superintendent

Mrs. Kelli Parsons, Assistant Superintendent

