

Dear Parents & Guardians! Happy New Year!

On behalf of our staff I want to take a moment to wish you and your family much success in 2018! I also want to thank each of you for your support of the positive work being accomplished at Sedgwick Elementary School. A school is a partnership and without your support, interest and involvement we would not be able to work together in support of each one of your sons and daughters!

As you know 2017 has been a year of change for us at Sedgwick Elementary School, as well as for all of Union 76. New leadership, new thinking and new ideas are being combined with past success so as to dig into our present and future needs. Change is never easy in any organization, but over time when done in a planned, professional manner, involving all stakeholders, improvements will be made. By working closely together, staff, administration and parents & guardians will increase communication and develop higher expectations for our students to meet and exceed! We will start to make the academic and instructional improvements our students must have to be successful in the 21st Century.

Our work will not be easy as we must continue to look at what school, home and our community needs to improve and/or change in order to direct our students and school's future success. Our staff's work is focused on developing a greater emphasis on data-driven, "Best Practice" solutions and possibilities so as to improve the education and learning we offer at Sedgwick Elementary School. Based on the efforts I have seen and participated in during 2017, I know that 2018 will be a year of student, staff and school growth!

Each time I send an email out, the phrase **When the world says, "Give up," Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."** appears below my name. I believe that HOPE and sharing POSITIVITY are the greatest motivators in supporting learning and learners. HOPE and POSITIVITY help our students work through difficulty, strive to make improvement, and in the end, not give up. Through our continued positive efforts and working together, 2018 will see your sons and daughters building stronger skills as well as a stronger belief in their own abilities. I have much hope that our school will continue to improve what we do for our students in the year to come!

On behalf of Principal Dow and the entire staff of Sedgwick Elementary School please know we look forward to continuing to work closely with you in 2018.

My best,

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