



## Mission Statement

Faribault Public Schools strives to empower, energize, and engage all students through its commitment to a quality education and creating an effective learning environment.

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Dear Special Education Staff,

The older I get; the faster time seems to fly. At the start of my fourth year as Director of Special Services, I am excited about the talent and expertise we have working within our department. My summer has been busy. In June, I ventured to the Apostle Islands with my son to kayak on Lake Superior. The trip was physically challenging, but both my son and I completed the trek no worse for wear. The rest of the summer has been spent organizing car plans to make sure everyone in my family could get to work. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the time away from school.

Faribault Public Schools continues several initiatives that will have a positive impact on all the students in the district including the introduction of Reading Coaches, a new math curriculum, and the introduction of Faribault's Positive School Climate Expectations Policy. The district continues to work on moving closer to our mission of providing the best facilities for our students. Finally, we want to welcome 10 new teachers to the special services department.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 28 for the All Staff meeting and again on Wednesday, August 29 at the Faribault District Office. At that time, we will discuss great instruction and its role in student achievement and even hear a new song. Please bring a pencil and learn a heap. On Friday, August 31, Kari and I will be meeting with paraprofessionals until 9:30 a.m. Paraprofessionals will then be available to help set up your classrooms. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Robert Dehnert  
Director of Special Services