

# RAYMOND CREE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*"Cree-ating Excellence in Education"*

Bernie Marez, Principal

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Dear Raymond Cree Community,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 20/21 school year! It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as principal of Raymond Cree Middle School for the past four and a half years. As we navigate learning during the pandemic, it is going to take our staff, students, and parents to be resilient and grow together as we learn the process of distance learning. I feel confident that working together we will thrive as a community during these challenging times.

I am committed at the highest level to sustaining the legacy of success at RCMS by establishing high expectations for all members of the school community and taking the approach that *"working hard works"* and messaging that *"working hard is what successful people do."*

We are building momentum as we shape positive conditions for learning as we establish an academic focus with support systems in place during the school day and after school. Our core values of student learning and student well-being will guide our approach to education and putting students first. Our whole-child approach includes support systems for social and emotional learning to ensure that all students are provided with the resources and tools for success.

I recognize middle school can signal feelings of both excitement and anxiousness, and I thank you for entrusting your children to the Raymond Cree MS staff. We do not take lightly our responsibility in ensuring your children experience a highly-engaging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment, and we are honored to partner with our families as they embark on the exciting and rewarding middle school journey.

I am excited for what I know will be an exciting and rewarding school year. We want all community members to know that we have an open-door policy, and we welcome your questions, concerns, and input at any time.

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