

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Matthew S. Outlaw



It is certainly hard to believe, but we are already halfway through this school year. We had a great first half of the year and I have been very pleased by the progress that I am seeing in our schools and in classrooms across the district. We are blessed with an outstanding staff and they are working as hard as ever to provide the best possible experience for each and every student in the Brandon School District.

As we began this school year, we identified three essential targets that would help guide us as we worked to take our district to the next level. The following have been the pillars of our work as a system during the 2014-15 school year and will continue to guide us in the future:

Quality In All That We Do

We are committed to improving quality in all aspects of our district and delivering a product that will be a source of pride for this community.

Our Service Approach

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Planning For The Future

Failure to plan means planning to fail. We are looking into the future and doing the homework needed to ensure that the Brandon School District will flourish for years to come.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Brandon Beat*. In it, we have tried to feature a lot of the opportunities we have for students to find and pursue their passions. Our goal is to help every student write his or her story, and whether that involves being up on stage, out on the diamond, in the metal shop, or hanging out with friends in the cafeteria, we know there is something for everyone in our schools. For many, that story starts in preschool, and we think we offer the finest preschool options in the area. So take some time to see what has been happening in the Brandon School District, and thank you for being a part of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew S. Outlaw".

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Superintendent of Schools