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## Blog – Thanksgiving

This is the time of year when we look back over the past year and give thanks for its many blessings. Even though this year has had some challenges because of the failed referendums, it has also been filled with many blessings and reasons to be thankful. As I look back over the past year, I am grateful for many things. First and foremost is to be part of such a wonderful and supportive school district and community. I truly enjoy being a part of the Parkview School District. Each day I get the opportunity to work with a fine staff that wants the best for all of our students. I am also grateful that as a school district, we have the ability and opportunity to be around great students at all grade levels. I truly enjoy seeing them in the classroom, to sing my “good morning” song, get a high-five and observe great classroom instruction. What I see happening in the classrooms gives me a tremendous sense of hope and encouragement for the future.

I am so thankful for being able to work with a tremendous School Board that has been supportive of me and my ideas since my very first day and for a staff that does whatever is necessary to provide the best education possible for our students. The administrators, teachers, educational assistants, administrative assistants, custodians, cooks and bus drivers take the time each day to help students in a variety of ways – one of the best is by showing students that they are special and that we believe in them and their potential. I also get to be around a great student body where our students of all ages are friendly, courteous and respectful. We have some very talented students, who show great talents academically, athletically and through the fine arts – I enjoy going into art class and seeing how creative our students are in expressing themselves. I do not have much artistic ability, but I enjoy and appreciate it in others.

Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity to help the District prepare for the future. As the month of December approaches, the Board of Education will be focusing on the hiring of a new superintendent and also working on their upcoming referendum. It will be a busy month, but one that will bear lasting results for the school district. I want to thank everyone who provided input to Board on these two topics by completing the surveys – your opinions and thoughts matter. We are certainly blessed to have so many people working to help others in so many ways. The kindness and generosity of others is always something we can be thankful for each day.

I hope each and every one of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and find some time to reflect on your past year and dream about the future possibilities of this year and all the years to come.