

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year.

I am excited about my new role as superintendent of the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. Jill, Ryan, Drew, Riley, and I have been impressed by the community's outreach in welcoming us to this wonderful community. We are excited about making Evansville our new home.

Since my appointment on May 12, 2007, I have been meeting with community leaders, parents, students, teachers, principals, school board members, central office staff, the media, and others to learn about the present condition of our school corporation. Many wonderful things are happening in our schools, but most acknowledge there are opportunities for us to advance to an unprecedented level of success.

Within the next few months we will introduce a strategic plan to shape the future of the EVSC. Our vision will center on ensuring equity and excellence for all children; providing opportunity and options for families; extending support to our schools, teachers, and principals; enhancing community partnerships; and effectively and efficiently using resources.

My promise is that every decision we make will be in the best interest of children. We will approach our work with coherency, a sense of purpose, and with urgency. We will maintain a disciplined culture focused on improving student achievement and graduating all students with the 21st century skills necessary to compete in higher education and our global economy.

This work is complex and schools cannot succeed alone. Educating all children to high levels requires a community effort. We invite parents, business and community leaders, and others to respond to our call for action.

Our children and community expect and deserve high performing schools – we will deliver on this promise.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vince M. Bertram".

Vince M. Bertram, Ed.D.
Superintendent