



# COLENE HOOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Members of the McLean County Unit #5 School Board,

As we wrap up the first month of the 25-26 school year, I want to take a moment to share my gratitude and excitement for the incredible work being done in our special education department at Colene Hoose Elementary School. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff come to school each day with a deep commitment to educating each student to achieve personal excellence.

The collaboration among staff is truly inspiring, and I am so proud of the creativity and dedication they bring to their classrooms each and every day. The Hoose team continues to show their commitment to listening, communicating openly, and ensuring families feel like true partners in their child's education.

Colene Hoose has 3 special education departments- 4 Resource LBS1s, 4 Specialized Services Level 2 LBS1s, and 4 Student Support Program LBS1s. Our team also would not be complete without our 45 paraprofessionals that closely work with our LBS1s to support our students. Our goal as a special education department and as a school community is to create an inclusive, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to reach their fullest potential academically, socially, and emotionally.

I am excited for all that this school year holds and confident that our Hoose special education programs will continue to be a source of pride for our school and, most importantly, a place to inspire curiosity, empower and grow students, elevate community, and prepare students for the future.

With great pride,

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