



## *From the Cabinet*

*By Superintendent Dr. Rupak Gandhi*

### **It's Time...**

It's time to start thinking about a future where COVID-19 is not disrupting our entire education system. It's time to stop, take a breath, and pat yourself on the back for making it through a very challenging schoolyear.

It's time to embrace the end of the schoolyear, celebrate our students, and celebrate yourselves for persevering throughout the last year.

As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, I am excited to capitalize on everything I have learned this past year and to start thinking about the future for Fargo Public Schools. More than any other schoolyear, 2020-2021 focused on being "in the moment" and keeping up with constant changes resulting from rapidly changing information regarding COVID-19. Additionally, addressing COVID-19 and/or mitigation strategies often became such a priority that many other areas were unaddressed because it simply wasn't the right time.

However, we can now celebrate that our FPS Smart Restart Plan will be suspended beginning June 7 because our schools and our community have made strides in combatting COVID-19 with vaccinations and other mitigation strategies currently in place. If this success continues, I am hopeful that future priorities addressing issues related to COVID-19 will be far and few between.

For me personally, this summer means that it's time to enjoy many things I couldn't do or was limited to during this past year.

It's time for me to visit family.

It's time for my kids to be outdoors.

It's time for my family to train our new puppy Tex (*pictured right*).

It's time for me to reflect on the incredible work of Fargo Public Schools this past year.

It's time for me to start planning the future work we have in Fargo Public Schools and to envision our brighter future.

I hope each of you has a restful summer with your loved ones and can reflect on the lives you touched this school year. Most importantly, I hope you can spend time this summer doing something you couldn't a year ago. It's time...



*Dr. Gandhi's new puppy Tex.*

