



## *From the Cabinet*

*By Superintendent Dr. Rupak Gandhi*

### **Here Comes the Sun**

I've always been a fan of the Beatles, so it's fitting that the end of this school year reminds me of the song "Here Comes the Sun" from their Abbey Road album. I'm sure most of you have heard the song and know "Here Comes the Sun" is used metaphorically in the song to represent a new beginning, change, or overcoming darker times. After our long winter in Fargo, the song has as much literal application to the end of this school year as it does metaphorical.

The end of this year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the myriad of challenges we faced this past year, celebrate our achievements, and use the time between now and the start of the next school year to learn, grow, and refuel ourselves for another great school year this fall. This was a historic year in Fargo Public Schools. Not only did we have a very long winter and unusually high number of inclement-weather days, but we also started the year with the COVID-19 pandemic and ended the year with a COVID-19 endemic. Additionally, this year consisted of opening the Explorer Academy as the first Setting D Public School in North Dakota and addressing significant shortages in staff and supply. These are just some of the few challenges and celebrations from the 2021-2022 school year and I can't wait to read about them all in next year's Annual Report.

Thank you to all our FPS patrons for another excellent year. Our community continues to work together to provide a better Fargo for more than 11,200 students that attend schools in our district, and we are grateful for your partnership. Your support, dedication and unwavering advocacy for our students continues to make us better educators and helps fulfill our mission of educating and empowering all students to succeed. I hope all of you have a wonderful summer and find the time you need to rest, relax, and refuel.

