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THE WHIPPET WIRE



A monthly blog from your superintendent

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Hello, Shelby! Welcome to the very first edition of what I plan to be a monthly blog. When I initially dreamed this idea up, my first thought was, "Who's going to read a superintendent's blog?" My second thought was, "Well, someone will." So here's the plan. Once a month, I'll share what's happening in our schools, what's making me proud, and a little bit of everything in between. No jargon. No 40-page reports. Just a conversation. I promise to keep these short. You've got places to be, and I've got a thermostat to guard.

Let's start with the most pressing issue facing Shelby families this fall: the thermostat. October in Ohio is a special kind of chaos. With 80 degrees one day and 60 the next, fall has a way of keeping us humble. There's frost on the windshield at 7 a.m., it's T-shirt weather by lunch, and by dinner you're running the AC and wondering whether to switch to heat before bed.

In the Browning house, I have one rule: the furnace doesn't turn on until November 1. My family calls it more of a guideline than a rule. I call it character-building. Until then, we layer up, deploy the blankets to active duty, and treat hoodies like formal wear. I pretend I am the king of the castle — in reality, I only get this title when my wife isn't home. I thought I could put the thermostat target date to a vote and somehow win, but the dog somehow got a voice and a vote, and the math isn't mathing because more votes were cast than people and dog. Honestly, it's an uphill battle I am never going to win.

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Now for some news that warms me up more than any furnace: Shelby City Schools earned 4 out of 5 stars on the latest Ohio School Report Card, exceeding state standards! That doesn't happen by accident. It's teachers who stay late to help a student finally "get it," kids who push through tough problems, and families who keep asking "How was school?" even when the answer is always "Fine." We'll keep digging into the data to find where we can grow, because good got us here, great keeps us going, and best is still out there.

Next up, sports. This is my favorite time of year. Baseball playoffs (although the World Series is likely over before this is published), hockey is here, and football is getting interesting. Lucky for me, the most interesting football around is right here in Shelby. Our football team just finished its third-straight undefeated regular season, bringing home an MOAC Championship and building on last year's run to a state runner-up finish. It's not just football, either. Cross country, volleyball, golf, tennis, and the marching band are making Shelby proud. Win or lose, our student-athletes play with heart, and they represent Shelby with class.

To our students: thank you for working hard and making us proud every day. To our staff: thank you for everything you do, seen and unseen. To our families: thank you for trusting us with your kids. And to our Shelby community: thank you for showing up again and again. You're the reason this is such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for reading, and I hope you check in again next month, when the heat can be turned on. Go Whippets!

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