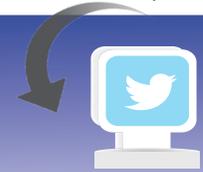


The Monti Navigator

Be Greater than the Average



Tammy Mangus, Superintendent of Schools

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Inspiration through Tough Decision Making, Difficult Conversations and Perspiration.

There are no shortcuts to success. As J.R.R. Tolkien once said, "Short cuts make long delays." Indeed, the journey to success is often a long and sometimes arduous one. The quick and easy route rarely leads to good things. Anything built upon a shoddy, hastily-built foundation will eventually crumble. Any skilled builder knows that creating a rock-solid foundation involves time, effort, sweat and determination, but they also know that putting in that time, effort, sweat and determination will eventually yield unshakeable results.



Indeed, it is those folks who have triumphed over adversity in order to build great things who are able to find true **INSPIRATION** in both themselves and others. There are so many team members here in Monticello who are defying the odds and making the extraordinary happen each and every day. These folks are working to make our **BOLD** goals a reality by calculating their winning game plan, busting through comfort zones, making unpopular (yet amazing) decisions, having difficult (yet kind and powerful) conversations and are running against the wind (great song by the way) to make great things happen – no matter how

impossible the odds or rocky the roads seems. They are building a powerful foundation for our school and for our community.

WHO Inspires YOU in Monticello?



During this difficult month of February, when the sun shines less than it should and the cold cuts us a little deeper than we would like, I challenge you to look for those beacons of light and warmth on our team. Who here in Monticello exemplifies the characteristics of excellence described above? Please let me know -- I want to personally thank them for their powerful, positive efforts in building hope and providing a little sunshine during this seemingly-endless time of year. Simply send me an email with their name, position and a brief synopsis of why this team member is clearly an **INSPIRATION**. Forward me these

details at your earliest convenience. I will keep your name anonymous if you wish.

Our **BOLD** Goals:

87% Graduation Rate 65% Proficient in Math, Reading, and Writing: 100% Possible!