



# TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Brenda B. Lawson, Ed.D.  
Division Superintendent

*On behalf of the Tazewell County School Board, I welcome you to the 2011-12 school year. Last year was a successful year for both students and teachers. I am in awe of the results of the Elgin initiative in the elementary schools! All elementary teachers are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to this project. Without a doubt, 90% of our students will be reading at or above grade level when they leave third grade! Please join me in thanking our elementary teachers and principals for preparing students for the next level in their educational journey.*

*These are challenging times, but there exists many opportunities for us as educators. Everyone knows that education holds the key to the future. This year, we will continue our journey toward educational excellence, realizing that our efforts will be enhanced by the solid support of our parents and community.*

*Our tradition of excellence begins with our employees who are amazingly talented and are tirelessly committed to children. All of our teachers are highly qualified and support the mission of meeting students' emotional, social, and academic needs.*

*Over the next few years, our focus will be on building leadership capacity with students, parents, and employees. We will continue the high expectations necessary for students to meet and exceed state standards. We will have a strong focus in math, science, and technology to better equip students with needed skills. Above all, we will continue our focus in reading to ensure all students are reading at or above grade level.*

*As we begin the new school year, our plan is to deliver a curriculum that is rigorous and relevant to today's world. By utilizing data from assessments to make instructional decisions, teachers and school personnel will provide parents ongoing communication that is meaningful and easy to understand. We will continue to be diligent in efforts to provide a safe, nurturing, yet challenging environment for all students, while instilling a love of learning and service.*

*I am honored to serve as your superintendent and look forward to the opportunity to lead the school division as we strive to ensure academic excellence for all children residing in Tazewell County. I wish each of you the very best in the 2011-12 school year. If I may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda B. Lawson". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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