Good afternoon, I want to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. As we are a little over a week away, I wanted to give you some important information.

First, we are in dire need of a couple of licensed yellow bus drivers. One is a temporary position that will last about a month at the start of school. The other is a full-time route driver. We are also in need of substitute drivers as well. If you know of someone interested in driving for the school corporation, please have them contact the corporation office asap.

If no drivers are acquired by late next week, a few of the routes will be altered resulting in longer rides, fewer stops, doubling up town routes, and/or very limited bus service in some areas. So please pass along the need.

Secondly, we are excited about all the updated learning spaces for our students that have been created by our construction project. But with construction at the high school continuing throughout the Fall, there will be some confusion with traffic flow and drop off points. We will work to alleviate any confusion or congestion in the first few weeks. Also, the students will still be affected in the high school as classrooms, bathrooms, locker rooms, and other areas are still being completed. The community center will open late fall or early winter once the entire project is completed campus-wide in late November. We are in the process of figuring out all the logistics, personnel, and policies to be put into place so we can have a great organized space. Many questions will be answered over the next couple of months regarding the utilization of the center. Once again, we are very excited about the changes the project will bring, but once again, we ask for your patience and flexibility until the project is completed. We will have some tours and grand openings in the next few months.

The corporation will have a "Grab &Go" on Saturday and Sunday this week. The HS is purging a lot of the old classroom and office furniture that has been declared of no value. Starting Saturday morning and running through Sunday night, the "Grab & Go" items will be located on the north side of the high school building off the parking lot. Feel free to come take a look and leave with what you would like. Anything that is still there on Monday morning, will be disposed of. Items include desks, filing cabinets, tables, and shelving. If you like yard sales and like to get an early start, feel free to jump in your truck and start "picking" tonight. Please understand you will have no help to load the items, and there are no "saves" and "come back later". North Vermillion is not responsible or liable for any of the declared items and/or injuries and damages that may occur while picking up the items to be disposed of. Also, please stay within the designated area.

And finally, school starts for the students on Tuesday, August 8th. The building administrators will be putting out various pieces of information throughout next week. Thank you for making North Vermillion a great school corporation. It is a great day to be a Falcon.

Dan Nelson Superintendent