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Dear Falcon Families,

We are thrilled to welcome all new and returning families to the 2024-2025 school year, which promises to be one for the books! We are excited to merge the old with the new this year, as we open a new chapter at Ixonia Elementary with a brand new third and fourth grade wing. As our community continues to expand and grow, we are grateful to our families for helping to support a learning space that provides the space and resources that will help our students to be as successful as they possibly can. As the old adage goes, it truly does "take a village!"

Ixonia Elementary is one of five elementary schools in the Oconomowoc Area School District. We work in partnership as a district to ensure a strong and unified approach to curriculum and instruction, allowing students to enter the intermediate and high school years feeling ready and prepared for next steps in their education. Our building has approximately 300 students who are led inside and outside of the classroom by about 50 teachers and support staff. Though our curriculum has a strong emphasis on literacy and math, we recognize the importance of developing the whole child. On top of developing strong foundational early literacy and math practices, we also emphasize the importance of field trips, school wide assemblies, and Ixonia traditions such as field day and the fun run!

At Ixonia Elementary, staff members are warm demanders; they hold students to a high standard while also creating a kind, caring, and committed atmosphere that is developmentally appropriate for young learners. Staff collaborate in professional teams to ensure that all students are receiving rigorous and universally designed learning opportunities, thus ensuring that students are exposed to a variety of purposeful learning experiences that are differentiated for each child's learning needs, interests, and ability levels.

The Wisconsin RtI Center has recognized our school in the areas of reading, math, and behavior for our work toward fully implementing a system that leads to improved student outcomes. Ixonia is also proud of the strong partnership with our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). PTO offers many family-friendly low-cost events throughout the year; PTO is always looking for new members to help promote and support this positive school community!

We are a true community-based neighborhood school and we thrive on working together to support our students. Family involvement is absolutely essential to the success of our students. We strongly value partnering with you to best understand how to engage your children and spark a love of life-long learning while also understanding their personal challenges and successes as students!

This year will be filled with many wonderful "firsts." Although we may be growing, we still maintain our core values and traditions as a school and community. No matter the shape of our building, the people who fill our hallways will always define who we are. For this reason, we always want to stay in touch, whether by email, phone, notes or in person. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out! If you have further questions feel free to contact Ixonia Elementary at 262-560-8405. Thank you, and here is to the best school year yet!

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