



## LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT JENKINS

Dear Potential Branch ISD Superintendent,

As I transition out of my role as Superintendent of Branch ISD, I want to take a moment to share what makes this organization truly exceptional. While I could highlight many great aspects, the very best part of Branch ISD is its people. No matter how impressive our programs, facilities, and community initiatives may be, it always comes back to the dedicated individuals who make it all possible.

I will begin with the **Board of Education** - a committed five-member team representing our three local school districts. Each member brings a wealth of understanding and experience as many have served or are currently serving on various boards. They are supportive, thoughtful, and unafraid to ask tough questions to make informed decisions. More than anything they are kind and caring individuals who truly want to serve students to the best of our abilities.

Our **Cabinet** consists of the Superintendent and four Assistant Superintendents, each an expert in their respective fields. This team is knowledgeable, well-connected, passionate, and student-focused. They bring their best to work every day, providing unwavering leadership and vision. Any Superintendent would be fortunate to work alongside such an outstanding group of professionals—I know I certainly have been.

The **Administrative Team**—a 15-member group from all divisions, including Early Education, Special Education, Career & Technical Education (CTE), Adult Education, Early Middle College, and Technology—is the backbone of our operations. These individuals are the "boots on the ground," working directly with students, staff, parents, and partners to ensure our services run seamlessly. Their ability to develop practical solutions and drive continuous improvement is truly invaluable.

And then, we have the **staff**—the heart of this organization. Our teachers, counselors, ancillary staff, paraprofessionals, technical assistants, managers, administrative assistants, maintenance and custodial teams, and many others make up a workforce of over 360 dedicated professionals. Their passion, commitment, and relentless pursuit of excellence ensure that students receive the highest level of support and education every day. I have been consistently inspired by their dedication to their craft and their unwavering focus on student success.

Branch ISD serves three local school districts (Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy), one public school academy (Pansophia Academy), and two parochial schools (St. Charles & St. Mary's). Our partnerships with these institutions are strong and deeply valued. Beyond our schools, the broader community plays an essential role in our success. Organizations like the United Way, the Branch County Community Foundation, and the Branch County Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence—along with countless service groups—are instrumental in making Branch County a wonderful place to live and learn. Once again, it is the people behind these organizations who create powerful and meaningful partnerships that strengthen our schools.

Branch ISD is fortunate to have had fiscally responsible business managers and administrators who have ensured financial stability over the years. The district remains in a strong financial position, with healthy reserves that allow for facility improvements, staffing enhancements, service expansions, and the flexibility to navigate economic challenges when they arise. The individuals responsible for managing these resources do so with the utmost care, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely in service of students and families.

It has been a true honor to be part of this organization for the past seven years. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside some of the best and brightest in education. As I step away, I am excited to see how the next Superintendent will build upon the strong foundation that was established long before my tenure. Branch ISD's vision—*"Nothing Less Than Success for All!"*—is more than just a statement; it is a reality brought to life by the remarkable people of this organization and community.

Wishing you success and a bright future for Branch ISD.

Sincerely,

Kris Jenkins