

Kieleidoscope

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I grew up in the small town of Lena, with a population of 569 residents. My parents were business owners and very active in the community. One thing that was always present in our little town was the support of the school system. The bleachers would be packed for Friday night football and the gym buzzing in anticipation of the music concert or the much awaited basketball game against our rivals the Peshtigo Bulldogs. Today, thirty plus years after my departure from my home town I am still aware of the pride demonstrated towards the schools in that small community. My father still attends the sporting events and every referendum in the past ten years has passed by the residents in support of keeping the small, declining enrollment district in business.

Kiel, although larger in population is much like my home town. The community rallies around the schools in support of student activities. This was evident at the recent launch of *Teaming for a Brighter Tomorrow*. The campaign began with the vision of Mike VanderZanden, CEO and President of Amerequip.

*Teaming for a Brighter Tomorrow* brings together local businesses, local government, community members and the school district in a partnership to provide a comprehensive series of programs that directly relate to the issues facing our young people today. This teaming initiative is essential in helping our students and their families learn how to deal with challenges that we all know are evident in our world today. A myriad of needs is prevalent in today's world. Whether the topic is on substance abuse, cyber-bullying, acceptance of differences or suicide prevention, the proactive vision of Mr. Vander Zanden and the financial support from Amerequip and many local businesses will provide us with over \$105,000 in support for our students learning. I was pleasantly amazed at the amount of financial support that was provided to our school district! Our gratitude goes to the lead donors from Amerequip, H.G Weber, Land O'Lakes, MB Company, Metko, Weber Oil and Windwalker label.

I hope we have great school and community attendance at the future presentations made possible by the generous donations to *Teaming for a Brighter Tomorrow*. It truly does take the effort of an entire community to support the school district and care for our students. Thank You!