



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Families,

I am pleased to share an exciting new initiative within the Little Falls Township Public Schools - the launch of the **Superintendent Challenge Coin Program**. This meaningful new tradition is designed to recognize and celebrate individuals within our district who exemplify the values that define our schools: **hard working, resilient, considerate, inclusive, communication, problem-solving, active participation, responsible, empathetic, and leadership**.

Challenge coins have a long-standing history of symbolizing honor and recognition in various organizations, and we are proud to bring this tradition into our school community. Each coin will be personally presented by the Superintendent to students, staff, or community members who go above and beyond in their commitment to our schools and the broader community.

Whether it's a student showing exceptional leadership, a teacher going the extra mile to inspire learning, or a community member making a difference through volunteerism, the Superintendent Challenge Coin will serve as a lasting symbol of appreciation and achievement.

The Superintendent Challenge Coin is more than just a keepsake; it's a tangible symbol of excellence, dedication, and community within an educational setting. By conveying a message of unity and pride, it aligns with the broader goals of inspiring and recognizing the people who help shape the future of our school district.

My goal is not only to celebrate excellence but also to inspire it—by recognizing those who embody the spirit of what it means to be a hornet and contribute to making our schools a place where everyone can thrive.

I look forward to honoring the outstanding individuals who make our district so special. Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a culture of recognition, kindness, and achievement.

Best,

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What Is a Superintendent Challenge Coin?

A Superintendent Challenge Coin is a custom-designed coin that symbolizes the vision, achievements, and values of a school district or educational institution. It is typically issued by the superintendent or their office as:

- **Recognition:** A token of appreciation for outstanding performance or special contributions within the district.
- **Unity and Team Spirit:** A means to build camaraderie among staff, administrators, or even students, reinforcing that they are part of a larger community with shared goals.
- **Tradition and Legacy:** A way of building a lasting tradition that connects current and past members of the community, celebrating milestones and fostering pride in educational leadership.

Significance:

- **Symbol of Achievement:** The coin is not only a physical reminder of the coin's recognition but also stands as a representation of the values and achievements upheld by the district.
- **Legacy of Service:** It honors the leadership of the superintendent and the contributions of staff who embody the spirit of dedicated service to education.
- **Identity and Pride:** Displaying or carrying the coin can instill a sense of identity and belonging, reinforcing the core values of academic excellence, community service, and leadership.



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