

Hello everybody, before I begin I'd like to thank Mr. Burdette, Mrs. McClain, and Mrs. Macy! After seeing them do the Macarena at our 8th-grade party, I can confidently say they're talented both in and out of the classroom. I also want to thank Mrs. Ralphson for being approachable, understanding, and always willing to help. We appreciate you and your help. To begin, I had many good things that impacted my time at D91 the whole way through, and I want to thank everyone who was here for it. I want to start off by thanking the teachers I had at my time in D91, as they made the learning experience more fun and enjoyable.

They tried their best to make sure everyone was doing well and doing their best, which I really appreciate. My friends were also there for me and made my time better by making me laugh and feel included for the whole way through. Because all of us are moving on, I hope that all of us will be successful and have a good time for what might come.

Many people here have been friends with others for a very long time now, which is why I hope everyone's friendships with one another stays the same and at the same time grows stronger as we go. The legacy this class has brought to D91 is truly extraordinary, and I hope it lives on and will never become forgotten. I also want to talk about the way we kept going, even in the toughest times, that helped shape us to become who we are now shows how remarkable it is to be in this position as we speak. An example I have is Mr. Lindstrom's class, because the assignments we did, the projects, personally taught me to turn in my work on time, how to handle assignments, and overall taught me discipline, and Mr. Lindstrom made all of that very fun, which is why I want to thank him for shaping us, and at the same time making class very fun. It feels very surreal to be at graduation, about to be a highschooler.

I want to also thank my parents, because they were the reason why I kept striving in school. They always motivated me to perform well, and to be respectful to others. Lastly, I want to state how we will move onto high school next year, as strangers who don't know what to do, but we shall not let our fear of the unknown stop us, but be led by our curiosity, and leave as history makers. I was once a scared fourth grader for what might come, but now I'm a confident middle school graduate, excited for what's to come. My final thought to my fellow graduates of the Class of 2026 is this: don't be afraid of what's next. As we move on from 8th grade and begin a new chapter in high school, each of us has the chance to make it great. Keep trying your best, stay true to yourself, and remember that today is not the end, it's just the beginning. Congratulations, Class of 2026!