

## THE VIEW FROM HERE

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April traditionally is the month that provides the transition from winter to spring in Wisconsin. This year it may be the transition from winter to spring. March brought record warmth to our area and we all seemed to welcome the experience. The credo that we can't change the weather by talking about it now seems to be a belief that we hope holds true.

Great expectations has been an expression in vogue for many years. The Charles Dickens novel, *Great Expectations*, is a literary classic and has seemingly assured that the saying will be with us for the indefinite future.

As parents and educators we always have the opportunity to help our children become high achievers. I believe that all of our children benefit when their families and teachers have a positive outlook and hold great expectations of them. A glass half full leads to remarkable accomplishments. Our expectations for the month of March may never be the same.

What most people have in common is the ability and opportunity to put forth tremendous effort in everything they do. Many talented people do not live up to the great expectations held of them by others frequently because they do not give one-hundred percent of themselves to the tasks at hand.

The changes in the expectations society has for our youth are resulting in more rigor in our curriculum; improved instruction and better use of technology by our teachers and students. Effort will always be a key to success, but teaching and learning can be greatly enhanced by the appropriate use of modern technology.

When our students return to school from spring break I hope they have *Great Expectations*. It is one of the keys to success.