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Superintendent's Corner...

While summer is nearing its end, there is a feeling of excitement and anticipation for the 2017-2018 school year. The finishing touches are being put on our buildings as our hardworking custodial and maintenance crew prepares for the arrival of teachers and students. Food services personnel are stocking their shelves as they prepare to work their magic and provide nutritious meals. Building administrators are investing long hours as they ready their buildings and focus on serving their respective staff members. Our new teachers recently completed their three day New Teacher Inservice and are eager to meet the needs of our students. And finally, all staff will soon be in attendance at the Welcome Back - Merrill School Improvement Day to hear what this year holds for them, as well as our students.

I have mentioned the need to improve our student achievement test scores at the elementary levels, primarily the Forward Exam scores. I know our students and staff are much better than these scores show. We will improve our student achievement throughout the district. We recognize the problem and will be taking the steps necessary to resolve this area of deficit.

Our Parent Survey results were favorable last year as a district. There is always room for improvement, however, and we will continue to work closely with our parents to satisfy their needs. Our parent communication will improve as the partnership between parents and teachers is vital for student success. Parents should always feel welcomed at their children's school - anything less is unacceptable. We appreciate parent input and will continue to survey our parents in the Fall and the Spring as this survey provides us valuable information.

As we begin the school year, I want to welcome our newest Bluejays to the nest:

Brian Zoromski	Special Education Teacher	MHS
Catherine Demmon	Music Teacher	Kate Goodrich
Heather Kahr	Fourth Grade Teacher	Washington
Matthew Schult	Eighth Grade Teacher	PRMS
Hannah Froberg	Sixth Grade Teacher	PRMS
Taylor Stanley	Special Education Teacher	Kate Goodrich
Jennifer Bonnell	Special Education Aide	PRSYL
Lindsay Garay	Info/Tech Integration Spec	PRMS
Lisa Jarvensivu	First Grade Teacher	Kate Goodrich
Breigha Bienfang-Johnas	Special Education Teacher	Kate Goodrich

Olivia Dachel	Science Teacher	MHS
Heidi Braden	Science Teacher	BVA
David Kunkle	English Teacher	BVA
Jessica Herbison	Fourth Grade Teacher	Jefferson
Carrie Roth	Occupational Therapist	District
Megan Brown	Sixth Grade	PRMS
Bradly Parker	School Counselor	MHS
Kathy Skomars	Special Education Aide	PRMS
Daniel Smith	Special Education Teacher	MHS
Amy VanAlstine	Third Grade Teacher	Washington
Breanne Semling	Classroom Aide	MHS
Aaron Svcek	Tech Ed Teacher	MHS
Amber Nueske	7th/8th Grade Teacher	PRMS
Bethany Prazuch	Social Studies Teacher	MHS
John Miller	Activities Director	MHS/PRMS
Jill Seaman	Head Start Director	PRSYL
Heather Skutak	Principal	Jefferson
Glenda Oginski	Principal	Kate Goodrich

Reminder for upcoming events:

Our Community Conversation Follow Up meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the MHS Library. All are invited to attend. Please contact Tammy Woller at 715-536-4581 ext 10002, by September 5 if you can participate.

Please remember to watch for our students and our school buses once school begins. While the safety of our students is our primary responsibility, let's all be sure our students are safe to and from school. Thank you!

Dr. John Sample
Proud Superintendent