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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### KCPS Is Ready to Start Building Futures

*First day of school is Monday, Aug. 14*

**Kansas City, Aug. 11, 2017:** Kansas City Public Schools is ready to welcome students back for the 2017-2018 academic year on Monday morning, Aug. 14.

With a new strategic plan, a summer of training and development and Superintendent Mark Bedell entering his second year in leadership, Team KCPS members are excited to prepare the school system's approximately 15,000 students to achieve their college and career dreams and succeed in the rapidly changing 21st century economy. Kansas City is going to see what it means to be, "KCPS Made."

Dr. Bedell will visit several schools on Aug. 14 to encourage staff and students and help make sure the day goes well. KCPS is asking staff, students and parents to use "#kcpsday1" to tag social media posts throughout the day.

Members of the news media can join Dr. Bedell's school visits per the schedule below:

- 7:15 a.m. at Northeast High School (415 Van Brunt Blvd.)
- 8:05 a.m. at Northeast Middle School (4904 Independence Ave. - entrance is off Thompson Ave.)
- 8:50 a.m. at Wheatley Elementary School (2415 Agnes Ave.)
- 9:45 a.m. at Primitivo Garcia Elementary School (1000 W. 17th St.)
- 10:45 a.m. at Melcher Elementary School (3958 Chelsea Ave.)
- 1:15 p.m. at Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts (4747 Flora Ave.)
- 2:15 p.m. at Hale Cook Elementary School (7302 Pennsylvania Ave.)

It is very important for all students to have a strong start to their year by being at school on time and ready to learn on Monday, Aug. 14. Families with questions or concerns about the first day of classes should contact their child's school, visit [www.kcpublicschools.org](http://www.kcpublicschools.org) or call the KCPS central office at 816-418-7000.

