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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students and families in our community, and we are extremely excited about the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year at River Valley!

Over the last several months, the district staff has been working diligently on several initiatives that will provide wonderful learning opportunities for all students. The elementary schools will have a new ELA curriculum called Open Court by McGraw Hill. Every building will continue career-related learning with a focus on RIASEC, Beable, and World of Work. We are also implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), an evidence-based tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health along with Trauma-Skilled Schools (TSS), improving school outcomes for trauma-impacted students district-wide. River Valley will continue to use Canvas as the learning management system and students will take the Pennsylvania school assessments (PSSAs & Keystone Exams) online this school year along with the CDT and NWEA tests.

We are proud to communicate that the River Valley STEAM Academy now offers 8 different career pathway programs: Biomedical Technology, Cybersecurity, Electrical Occupations and Powerline, Esports, Pathways to Health Professions, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitative Therapy, Teacher Preparation, and Welding Technology.

Many wonderful programs will continue for our children as River Valley continues to be future-driven. We are proud that our school district was one of only six school districts across the country recognized as a 2023 National "Lighthouse" School System to help transform education.

On behalf of the Board of School Directors, Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff, I hope you all have a wonderful school year, and that you take advantage of the new and exciting programs that are happening throughout our school community.

I look forward for the start of a new school year. Please feel free to contact me, if I can be of any assistance to your family.

Sincerely,

Mr. Philip Martell
Superintendent of Schools

