



ANDOVER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear ARSD Families,

I hope you are all in great health and that our students are excited for a new school year. The ARSD staff is excited to engage and support each of our students this school year. As a school community, we have committed to the following district goals:

1. Student Achievement - To increase student academic performance and engagement in our classrooms by providing timely and quality feedback to staff, hosting quality professional development in established areas of need, and increasing the use of valuable data points for lesson planning and student academic intervention.
2. Community Engagement - To increase opportunities for our school community to engage with district leaders in productive conversations and provide feedback that impacts our district strategic plan, builds quality academic programs, and increases student/family support.
3. Health & Wellness - To provide an ideal learning environment where students are supported emotionally and thrive through the establishment of priorities such as nurturing positive student/staff relationships, building a dynamic school culture, and supporting student mental health both within our school district and through established community partners.
4. Finance - To develop a fiscally responsible 2024-2025 School Budget that will match our vision for our school district.

As a reminder, our Board of Education approved new start and end times for the 2023-2024 school year. They are outlined below:

8:30-3:30 - Regular School Day

8:30-12:30 - Early Dismissal

10:30-3:30 - Two Hour Delay

8:45-3:15 - Pre-K Regular School Day

8:45-12:15 - Pre-K Early Dismissal

10:45-3:15 - Pre- K Two Hour Delay

As we have moved to a new Realtime student information system, please expect more information on access to your parent portal which will open up on August 28. Please enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to welcoming students on our first day of school on Thursday, September 7. As always, please feel free to reach out at any time.

I wish each of you a wonderful 2023-2024 school year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford Burns".

Dr. Clifford Burns
Superintendent of Schools