

# BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Welcome Back to School

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

School is officially back in session! It is so wonderful to have the students and staff back! Everyone is ready to start a new year of learning.

Last week we held our New Teacher Orientation and Superintendent's Conference Days. During my speech I emphasized the idea of growth. I talked about the need to grow our educational programs, to support each student's growth and to continue our own growth as professionals and as people. It is important that we as a school district continually evolve to be able to provide students with the education they need to be successful in this ever changing world. There has been some great work done this summer by our faculty to update curricula and build on their already solid foundation of instructional practices. You can read more about the work that was done in [an article](#) posted on the District website.

At Wednesday night's Board meeting I presented the goals for the 2023-2024 school year. You can view the [presentation slides](#) on BoardDocs. Many of the goals for this year are designed to continue the growth that we have started in areas such as strategic planning, literacy, social emotional wellness and financial planning. We are also continuing with the initiatives of kindness, problem-based learning, curriculum writing and supporting wellness. These goals will keep us on a path towards maintaining the great learning environment that Blind Brook has.

One of our new goals is to establish better communications with our non-parent community. I will be working on this throughout this year. I also want to reinforce effective communications within the school district. To that end, I am sharing out the District's [communication protocols](#) with everyone. They are a good reminder as to what the best approach to contacting District employees is.

Today was a great day. I am confident that the rest of the year will be just as great. I wish you all a fantastic school year and look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Colin M. Byrne  
Superintendent of Schools