ARDSLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Ardsley Families:

It is hard to believe it is already time to welcome all of our students and families back to the Ardsley School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Thanks to a full summer of work by our custodial and maintenance team, administrators, secretaries, and technology staff, we are ready and excited to welcome back more than 2,300 students to our schools on Tuesday, September 2nd The task of being ready to open was made even more challenging this summer due to the addition of drainage and turf at our Athletic Stadium, renovations to our High School classrooms, and preparation for the building of four new classrooms, a proper main office, and a new security vestibule to AHS.

There are so many things to be excited about for this school year. While you will hear about just about all of them in some detail through the individual school communications, I wanted to provide an overview of some of the new things we are currently focused on as we get ready to welcome our students, families, and staff back in the coming days and weeks. In addition to reading this letter, we ask that you take the time to read our Summer Torchlight Newsletter, which spells out the major things from around the district that may be new or different from previous years

As is true at the beginning of all school years, **transportation, traffic, and lunch** always present a number of logistical challenges. Difficulties in these areas can be heightened by inclement weather and other surprises. Please expect that, beginning on the first day of school, traffic will be extra slow and congested. Bus routes, as well-planned as they may be, will be imperfect, and some buses may be off schedule. Please also recognize that the lunch line is likely to move more slowly as our students adjust to new purchasing logistics. We will be doing everything we can to help parents and students navigate these logistics. If history is any indication, any logistical issues with the traffic and lunches will be significantly reduced by mid September. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through any challenges we may encounter.

Finally, I am excited to let you know that some of our staff have begun to to stop in to set up their rooms and get ready for the school year ahead. That's how a superintendent knows that we are almost ready for school to open. I know that everyone here is looking forward to the moment our hallways come fully back to life. It was great to see our group of newest talented educators, who were in this week of orientation. They were so energized and excited to join the Ardsley Team.

I hope everyone enjoys these last few remaining days of summer. While we all enjoyed the break, we are excited to welcome your children back and to see our schools come back to life again over the next couple of days!

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Block, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools