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A few days down for almost everyone!

Kindergarten and PreSchool start next week which brings everyone officially into the fold for 25-26 School Year...and away we go :-)

A wonderful aspect of education is the sense of renewal and beginning that takes place each year. Everyone is transitioning in one way or another. New buildings, new grade levels, new classrooms, new teachers, new students, across the board we have new communities every year. While the foundations of these communities are often familiar and very similar, the process of nurturing and building these communities takes time and is a great part of starting school each year.

Back to School Nights

Over the next few weeks, schools will be holding their annual Back to School Nights which is always a great way for parents and caregivers to see the classroom environments and get a sense as to what is to be expected within these new communities of learners. Each of the building principals will be sharing the information and logistics for their respective Back to School Nights as we have spread them out on the calendar to try and avoid conflicts for families with students attending different schools.

New Bus Schedules

Much of the newness to this year is attributed to our new start times which have in turn required new bus schedules. As we do every year, we ask for your patience and understanding as the routes are being run in the first few weeks as it always takes a bit of time to establish what the typical routine can be. This year it is even more important as we assess the combined routes along with how we have staggered the school start times at the elementary levels. We have already been talking within these first few days about what is working and what might need to be addressed in the next few weeks. If we decide to make any adjustments, either with bus transportation or with the staggered start times, we will keep those impacted informed and provide ample notification.

ROUTES Roasters

With the enormous success of our new ROUTES program, we'd like to try adding a new opportunity for additional community engagement. On the second Friday of each month, I am planning to host an informal meet and greet opportunity across the hall from our ROUTES learning center in the Millenium Building while their cafe is open for business. Folks can join me during this time for an informal chance to engage in conversation while enjoying any coffee, tea or hot chocolate that they might like to purchase from the student run cafe. Our first Superintendent's Coffee Hour this year will take place on Friday, September 12, 2025 from 10:00-11:00am.

Hopefully, you are able to enjoy this first long weekend of the school year.

We look forward to finally seeing all of our students together on Tuesday!

Cheers,

Chris

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