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Dear Parents and Students of Manchester GATE Elementary School:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Manchester GATE, I would like to welcome you to our family as we begin the 2026-27 school year. I am looking forward to meeting all our Manchester G.A.T.E.rs and can't wait for the school year to begin.

My personal goal and the goal of Manchester GATE is to promote student success through greater achievement and involvement in the learning process by providing a comprehensive curricular and co-curricular program for our students. We have a wonderful group of dedicated educators who are specialists in providing an educational program that will meet the needs of your child. We will continue to offer an impressive array of co-curricular activities in the areas of academics, athletics, dramatics, music, and service groups. It will be an exciting and rewarding year.

We are also fortunate to have outstanding parent groups that play a vital role in the life of our school. I encourage you to become as involved as your schedule will allow. You will receive more information soon about our parent groups and ways that you can support our school.

The first day of school is **Monday, August 17th, 2026**, with a daily bell schedule from **9:00 a.m. - 3:05 p.m**. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. until 8:55 a.m. Our district will be implementing an early release schedule on Tuesdays of a five-day school week for teacher professional development. Our Afterschool program ends at 6:00 p.pm. daily. Please visit our district website for calendar details: https://www.fresnounified.org/calendars/.

Our Back to School Night will be held on **Thursday, August 27th, 2026 from 5:30-6:30pm.** Prior to Open house we will have an **Ice Cream Social** for students who are new to the school. The ice cream social will be from **4:30-5:30 on Thursday August 27th, 2026.**

Classroom assignments will be posted on our website https://manchester.fresnounified.org/ by **Friday, August 14th, 2026**. There, you will find a link to the classroom lists. Classroom lists will also be shared on Parent Square and a hard copy will also be posted on campus. No room changes will be made prior to **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026**. Please note that due to the possible enrollment changes we may need to create or collapse classrooms. There is a possibility that your child may be moved to a different class. We will contact you if this occurs. **Open house will be on April 22nd , 2026, from 5:30-6:30 pm.**

Parent conferences will be held during the week of **October 26th through October 30th, 2026**, and dismissal will be 65 minutes prior to our regular dismissal.

Please take a few moments to review other important information that is posted on our website. Please note the parking, drop-off, and Bus Zones and help us by observing good traffic patterns and habits. Bus schedules can be found at https://transportation.fresnounified.org/ and a copy will be posted to our website as soon as it is available.

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school!

Kindest regards,
Ian Gough, Principal