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Dear SCES Students,

RED ROBIN.....

If you read that and didn't immediately respond with "YUM" then we have our work cut out for us to get you back on track for this coming school year. Much like I use the Red Robin callback to gain your attention in a crowded cafeteria, I also need your attention now. Wait, you mean your principal is interrupting your important summer relaxation? Is that even legal?!? Put down the freeze pop and hear me out.

This welcome back letter is signifying that summer is starting to come to an end. This means that the relaxing days of summer will be replaced with a daily routine, getting up earlier than you'd like and teachers that look for you to work hard. Really hard. However, it also means spending time with some familiar faces, playing at recess on our new playground, getting to hear my amazing jokes and realizing that you are capable of exceeding your teacher's expectations. You will even continue to realize that as we tackle new challenges we often do not succeed on our first attempt. Just as Mrs. Steele preaches, failure is the first attempt in learning. If you are curious enough and brave enough to continue to work towards your goal, we know that positive things will come your way. Not everything in life will come easy, but I believe in you.

We have a ton of fun events planned for this school year and can't wait to see you back in the building with us!

Parents - A few items needing your attention:

- If you have not previously, please register for a **Focus Parent Portal** Account on our website. This will provide you with access to your student's grades, attendance information and an easy way to communicate with our teachers.
- Be sure to join our Facebook Group, **Susquehanna Community School District (Official)** to help stay informed. I will post multiple video updates to this page throughout the school year with the goal of keeping you informed of what is going on without our building.
- Our elementary school calendar is online at <https://sces.scschools.org/our-school/elementary-calendar>. It is also available on our app (**SusqCSD**).
- *Family Income Survey* - Please return this as we need the data to help us provide free breakfast and lunch.

Sincerely,

Brent Soden
Elementary Principal