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Dear GPS:

As we finalize this last full week of summer vacation, the 2026-2027 school year comes into sharper, clearer focus. May this "welcome back" letter find you, your family, and your loved ones in joyful spirits and excellent health, as we all await to start the new school year with enthusiasm and renewed joy.

Summer 2026 has certainly been interesting, hasn't it? Marked by unusual weather patterns of heavy rains, wild winds, and strange, smoked-filled skies, the last few months have indeed made our heads turn on more than one occasion. In addition to those troubling blotches on the doppler radar, Summer 2026 has also had its share of encouraging news. Our beloved country celebrated its 250th anniversary, uniting us all to honor our cherished freedoms. The World Cup was hosted here in the United States, captivating hearts and minds from across the globe. By the way, have you seen our World Cup inspired "Welcome Back" video? Thanks to *The Odyssey* and *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*, audiences have returned en masse to the movie theaters reviving, thank goodness, a summer blockbuster tradition.

Let's take that energetic surge of Summer 2026 to begin anew, to reset together as we approach the start of a new school year. Let's make the 2026-2027 school year filled with new opportunities for growth and achievement and memorable experiences to be had by all. Indeed, we continue to be Wolverine Strong.

Our popular "[Back to School](#)" page is up and running and easily accessible from our homepage--[click here](#). Note: We will be continually updating this page in the next few days, so if you don't see something right away please be sure to check back often, as we continue to add content to this page daily. We are so excited to welcome students back to campus on Thursday, August 27th--the first day of school.

Wolverines, we are so ready for you. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools