



Dr. Susan Compton
Superintendent

August 19, 2026

Dear Seymour Families, Parents, and Friends,

On behalf of Seymour Public Schools, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year! We are excited to reopen our doors and welcome all students back on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

The start of a new school year is always a time of excitement and new beginnings—from our youngest learners entering preschool and kindergarten for the first time to our high school seniors beginning their final year before graduation. It is also a time when our teachers, administrators, and staff return with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to teach, lead, support, and inspire our students.

I am truly grateful that you are part of the Seymour Public Schools community. The success of our schools is built on strong partnerships among our students, families, staff, administration, Board of Education, and community. Your support, involvement, dedication to excellence in education, and commitment to our students make Seymour a very special place to learn and grow.

I am incredibly proud to call Seymour “Home of the Seymour Champions—Today’s Students and Tomorrow’s Leaders.” We have an outstanding school system filled with talented educators, dedicated staff, engaged families, and remarkable students. Together, we will continue to build on our tradition of excellence and provide our students with the knowledge, skills, experiences, and opportunities they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our district mission reminds us of our shared responsibility: to fully know our students as learners, educate and inspire them through a range of experiences that reflect high expectations for learning, prepare them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world, and always put students first. This mission will continue to guide our work throughout the coming school year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. David Willadsen, who is stepping into the role of Principal of Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School, and Mrs. Katie Furino, the new Assistant Principal of Bungay Elementary School. Both have been valued members of the Seymour Public Schools family, and we are excited to see them take on these new leadership roles.

We also warmly welcome the many new teachers and staff members joining us this year, as well as the new families becoming part of our school community. We are excited to have you with us and grateful that you have chosen to make Seymour your home—the Home of the Seymour Champions: Today’s Students and Tomorrow’s Leaders.

As we begin the year, I encourage all families to attend our “Meet the Teachers” evenings. These events are a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, learn more about the school year, and begin building the important relationships that support student success. The dates are:

Bungay Elementary School: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 — Preschool–Grade 2; Wednesday, September 16, 2026 — Grades 3–5

Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 — Grades K–2; Wednesday, September 9, 2026 — Grades 3–5

Seymour Middle School: Thursday, September 24, 2026 — Grades 6–8

Seymour High School: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 — Grades 9–12

I invite our entire community to join the Board of Education, administration, staff, families, and students as we continue “Celebrating Success and a Legacy of Excellence” in Seymour Public Schools.

Most importantly, please remember that education works best when we work together. I encourage you to stay connected, visit our website and social media pages, follow the wonderful things happening throughout our schools, attend school events, and find meaningful ways to be actively involved in your child’s education and our school community.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together this year on behalf of our students. With a strong community behind them, there is no limit to what our Seymour Champions can achieve.

Seymour truly is a very special place!

With fondest admiration and dedication to the Seymour community,

Dr. Susan E. Compton
Superintendent of Schools
Seymour Public Schools

**Once a Wildcat,
Always a Wildcat**