



Dear Okemos Public Schools Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a wonderful Michigan summer! As we look ahead to the start of the 2026–27 school year, I’m excited to welcome back our returning students and families, and to extend a warm welcome to those joining the Okemos Public Schools community for the first time.

This has been an especially busy summer across the district. Our schools have been filled with construction, renovations, technology upgrades, classroom moves, and preparations for the year ahead. I am incredibly grateful to our operations, custodial, media and technology, and construction teams for their tremendous work preparing our buildings and learning spaces to welcome students back.

When I joined Okemos Public Schools in May, it came during an already busy time of year. As we begin this new school year, I’m looking forward to introducing myself more fully, spending time in our schools, meeting more of our students and families, and continuing to see what makes the Okemos community so special.

There is a great deal to look forward to this year. We are welcoming new students, families, educators, and leaders while continuing important work that will help shape the future of our district. Through it all, our focus remains on providing an exceptional educational experience that supports every student, recognizes their individual strengths and needs, and helps them reach their fullest potential.

Please take a moment to review the calendar below for upcoming Open Houses, Kick Start events, and other important back-to-school dates.

It is a privilege to serve as Superintendent of Okemos Public Schools, and I’m excited for what we will accomplish this year together. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

GO WOLVES!

Sincerely,

Matthew Olson
Superintendent
Okemos Public Schools

OPEN HOUSE:		
Bennett Woods Elementary	August 24, 2026 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	
Cornell Elementary	August 24, 2026 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	
Hiawatha Elementary	August 24, 2026 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	
Okemos Public Montessori	August 24, 2026 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
KICK START: Visit the building and pick up student schedules		
Kinawa 5-6 School	August 20, 2026 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Chippewa Middle School	August 20, 2026 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	
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Okemos High School	August 19, 2026 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	August 27, 2026 Parent Meeting: 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Open House: 6 pm - 7 pm

First Day of School:

Wednesday August 26th (½ Student Day)

Labor Day Recess:

Friday Sept 4th - Monday Sept 7th