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Dear North Caldwell School Community,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful summer. As we prepare to begin the 2026–2027 school year in one week, I am excited to welcome our students, families, faculty, and staff back to North Caldwell.

This summer marks a meaningful milestone for me as I complete my 18th year serving the North Caldwell School District and my first year as Superintendent of Schools. Having spent so many years as part of this community, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our students and families in this role.

There is always something special about the beginning of a new school year. We look forward to welcoming back our returning students, meeting new members of our school community, and once again seeing our schools filled with the energy, curiosity, and excitement of our students.

There is plenty to look forward to across our schools. At Grandview, students will return to a transformed campus, including a new wing, new playgrounds, a new blacktop and basketball court, and the return of our field. These improvements will provide enhanced spaces for students to learn, play, and build community.

At Gould, we are excited to welcome new members of our faculty and staff while continuing to strengthen the culture that makes our school community special. Across the district, we will continue to emphasize school pride, student accountability, positive behavior, growth mindset, and resilience. We want every student to feel a strong sense of belonging while understanding that their effort, choices, and actions matter.

We also recognize that the start of a new school year can bring both excitement and a few nerves. Our goal is to make the transition back to school a positive one and to create environments where every student feels welcomed, supported, safe, and ready to learn.

Communication and partnership with our families will remain a priority. Please continue to check your email and district communications regularly for important information, reminders, and updates. I also look forward to continuing our Coffee and Conversations with the Superintendent, providing opportunities for parents and community members to ask questions, share ideas, and engage in meaningful conversations about our schools.

The safety and security of our students and staff remain equally important. I am pleased that our Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) program will once again be part of our district

this school year. This partnership is an important part of our continued commitment to maintaining schools that are safe, secure, and welcoming.

The strength of North Caldwell comes from the people who make up this community—our students, teachers, support staff, administrators, families, Board of Education, and community partners. Thank you for your continued support, trust, and partnership.

Enjoy these final days of summer, and get ready for another great year in North Caldwell.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in our schools!

Sincerely,

Chris Checchetto
Superintendent of Schools

A few important dates to keep in mind:

- 9/1 - Gould Classroom Visitation 11am, Grandview Classroom Visitation 2pm
- 9/2 - First Day of School
- 9/4 - Labor Day Weekend - No School
- 9/7 - Labor Day - No School
- 9/15 - Board of Education Meeting - 7:30 Grandview Cafeteria
- 9/16 - Grandview Back to School Night
- 9/21 - Yom Kippur - School Closed
- 9/23 - Gould Back to School Night