



September 12, 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome to another week of learning! I am hoping that your student(s) is starting to develop new connections with peers and adults this school year. Over the last eight school days I have visited each of our schools, including every PreK-5 classroom, and it was energizing to encounter so many excited students, teachers, and staff connecting and building relationships with each other during such a busy time.

As a reminder our first early release day for students is September 20, please check your school's calendar for more details. We are excited to use this day for professional learning to further increase the academic performance of our students.

One of my goals this year to increase communication and the cohesiveness of the district. As a result I am pleased to report out that on Tuesday, September 13, we will launch our **new websites!** This change has been a work in progress since spring and many people have contributed as part of the process. Students, parents, teachers, technology staff, administrators and the school board have all had a hand in designing our new websites and we are so appreciative of their work and input.

One of the many goals of the website renovation was a common format and look to ultimately increase the ease of use, especially for families and students as they move between our buildings. Websites are a constant work in progress. Please be patient with us while we implement these changes. Your feedback, questions, comments regarding the websites will help us refine the new websites and make them even more usable for CSD families.

To those families who have completed the electronic Infosnap process, thank you! This process is new to us and we are still working out some of the challenges, but ultimately this was a huge success. Not only has the parent feedback been positive, it will ultimately increase the accuracy of our student demographic information.

If you have NOT completed the returning student Infosnap process, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the school board recently updated our policy on **Harassment, Hazing and Bullying**. This summer all administrators were trained on the new policy and we will be using consistent procedures and forms this year. We will be informing parents of the new policy and our new websites in an email on Tuesday.

Please follow me on  with

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Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools