



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members From:

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- The new staff Induction was held today at the Intermediate School as we welcomed thirteen new teachers. After taking care of some HR logistics, the teachers learned more about District curriculum and technology. They took a virtual tour of the school district and joined their mentors, administrators and school board members for lunch. The afternoon included work with their mentor teachers. Our kick off the new school year will occur tomorrow as we welcome all teachers back. Breakfast co-sponsored by the District and the teacher's association will start our day, followed by our welcome back assembly. Teachers will prepare for the new school year in their buildings through Thursday. Wednesday will be devoted to curriculum updates and new student orientation will occur at each building on Thursday. We are looking forward to another successful school year with students returning next Monday, Aug. 31st.
- Students continued to register with an additional 173 this summer and 65 new students registered within the past two weeks. We have continued to monitor class sizes and will have more accurate numbers after the school year begins. Bus cards and class assignments were mailed and counselors have been working on last minute changes.
- A few updates on our global initiatives. Our 2 HS teachers returned from the Chinese summer camp. I am hoping they will share their experiences with our staff in upcoming meetings. Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Gunkle were all approved for the College Board Bridge to China trip this November. Our Chinese teachers have settled into the District and were able to enjoy biking on the Rails to Trails path this weekend. There are currently 200 students grade 7-12 taking Mandarin- 89 at MS (7th and level 1) and 111 (level 2-5) at the HS. Our former Arabic teacher, Mrs. Hanan Gawdat had her VISA approved to come visit us from Egypt. Hanan will visit for a month in November, thanks to a grant from TCLP- sponsored by the US State Dept.

- Mr. Hershey and 2 of his Media students will be visiting Eve Tannary for an interview on WFMZ Sept. 2 about 8:50 AM. They were invited as a result of their winning Silent Film on Embassy Bank from the SLSD/SLEF/SL Chamber Film Festival
- We received a call from a resident who wanted to complement the 30 members of the SLHS soccer team who she observed having lunch at the diner on Friday. She said they were all well behaved, polite, represented our school well and she just wanted to provide us with a positive comment! Congratulations to the team for making us #SLSDPROUD!
- The Hopewell Elementary construction project is going well. The site held up fine during last week's rain. The foundation and fill is going in and wells for the geothermal system are being drilled.

