

Dear Brown Deer Families,

The time between the last day of school and the beginning of the new school year can be swift! It is my sincere hope that you have found time this summer to do the things you enjoy the most with those that you love and cherish.

The first day of school is approaching quickly! Our school administrators and cabinet members have worked hard over the summer to plan, develop, and improve our professional practices that when implemented will have a positive impact on student academic outcomes. Our staff will participate in professional development during the New Teacher Orientation and Welcome Back Week for all staff that are aimed at enhancing their teaching skills and practices.

Additionally, district staff, in conjunction with our building leaders, have interviewed and selected a new group of talented and enthusiastic falcons who will bring their unique skill set into the district. Our Department of Buildings and Grounds have been hard at work and are in the process of making sure all our buildings are ready for students and staff on day one.

I cannot wait to kick off our school year on Wednesday, August 27th with our Open House and Welcome Back Bash! This year, the district is reimagining our start to the school year. On the 27th, students and their families will have a traditional open house from 2:00 - 4:00 pm to meet teachers, explore their school, pick up their electronics and receive necessary school information. School pictures will not be taken during open house this year, but rather the first week of school on Friday, September 5th. This decision was based on parental and staff feedback to help ensure as many students as possible are in attendance for school photos and have the time they need to look their best! After the traditional open house, students, their families, and staff are invited to our first ever Welcome Back Bash from 4:00 - 6:00 pm! Students and their families will be able to enjoy food, entertainment, and activities for all. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the return to school and set the tone for the upcoming year. More detailed information on the activities will be provided prior to the event!

The first day of school for **all** K5 through 12th grade students is Tuesday, September 2nd. Additional information will be sent home to students in K4 that will include the date these students will report to the elementary school.

I am excited by the endless possibilities that we will achieve together as a school community in my second year as your superintendent. On behalf of the School District of Brown Deer, we look forward to seeing you all at our Open House and Welcome Back Bash!

Best,


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