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## Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year August 14, 2018

I welcome our students and parents to the 2018-2019 school year. It is hard to believe the first student day is here, but we have a lot of work to do and our staff and students are ready for the challenge. Below is some timely information and reminders about the start of the new school year.

We will be operating under a new bell schedule in a semester format. As with any change, there will be opportunities for adjustments based on student and operational needs. With that in mind, we will be letting students out of school five minutes early in order to assist the district transportation schedule. Instead of school dismissing at 2:35 per the schedule, we will release students five minutes early to monitor district transportation for the remainder of the week. This will be a temporary change and I will be updating students and parents about a plan moving forward.

Construction on campus is progressing nicely and the new Performing Arts Center is looking great. Please be aware of the presence of construction traffic and equipment on the "F" St. side of the building. The new drive in front of the Performing Arts Center is very close to being done. Parent drop off and pick up will still be on the "F" Street side of the building at Door 9. Parent traffic flow will proceed one way to exit towards 8<sup>th</sup> Street in two different exits. Parents should not drop students off in front of the new Performing Arts Center. The new entrance to the PAC is currently under construction. Fencing in the construction area is shifting and drivers need to follow the traffic flow while looking for signage and traffic cones.

Student drivers are to use the "F" Street Lot and are reminded to exercise caution in the active construction site. A new drive that exits to 10<sup>th</sup> Street is being constructed and will provide another exit, but it is not finished. Student drivers are asked to enter the school at Door 16.

Our staff is excited to welcome our students to the new school year. Get ready for a great school year! See you when you get here!

Mr. Ben Tonagel

