

September 2018

Dear Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Families:

We look forward to getting the school year really moving forward come Tuesday, September 4th and beyond!

Following an orientation for the 19 new faculty and staff members who are joining us this year, all faculty and staff returned on Monday, August 27th, 2018 to gear up for students' arrival. We took the opportunity to reflect on reaffirming our commitment to providing "continuous improvement" and remain focused upon the needs of our students through engaging teaching and learning practices – in partnership with you as parents/families. In brief, as a result of our first week of school, our entire regional school district is very excited to get started!

It appears that the first couple of weeks of school are going to be quite hot, and many of our classrooms are not air-conditioned. Please make sure that students are dressed in cool clothing and that they have a water bottle with them to stay hydrated. Our faculty and staff will monitor students for any heat-related health issues. Each of our buildings has at least one air-conditioned space that can be accessed for cooling off as needed. Hopefully, the excitement of the first few days of school will help keep everyone's spirits up, even if we're hot and sticky!

Finally, please note that we will begin right away this school year with a number of drills to practice safety procedures for all of our administration, faculty, staff and students - to ensure that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency... Already, in our first few days of school, we have held fire drills in each of our schools; and soon, we will have bus evacuations, lockdowns and more taking place in partnership with our local and state officials from throughout the region.

As always, we thank you for entrusting us with your children and look forward to a great year. Best wishes for a wonderful Labor Day Weekend and school year ahead!

Sincerely,
Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.
Superintendent