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Dear Parents & Guardians,

With the start of the 2026-27 school year just around the corner, our staff is preparing classrooms, reviewing routines and making final preparations to welcome students back on Tuesday, Sept. 8. As families make their own preparations, I want to share several important reminders to help ensure a successful start to the school year.

Ridge Road Construction Showcase — The renovations are complete, and we're inviting the community to come inside and see the newly reinvented Ridge Road Elementary School. Join us on Monday, August 31, for one of two sessions: 1–3 p.m. or 6–8 p.m. Take a tour, explore the updated spaces, and see how this project is helping create an enhanced learning environment for our students.

Welcome Back, Fall Athletics — The start of fall sports has arrived, with practices getting underway this past week. We are excited to see our student-athletes back on the fields, courts and courses, representing our schools. Parents and guardians are encouraged to stay connected with the Athletics Department throughout September for upcoming important dates, including parent meetings, picture days and other activities related to the fall sports season. **As always, Go Blue!**

Ready for a Successful Start — Perhaps the most important preparation we can make is helping our students begin the year ready to learn. We encourage families to establish school-year routines now, including appropriate bedtimes and morning schedules, and to make sure students arrive at school on time with the materials and mindset they need to have a successful day.

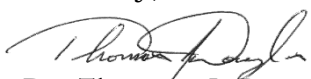
A new school year is an opportunity for a fresh start, new experiences and new accomplishments. We look forward to welcoming our students back and working with families to ensure a positive learning experience for every student.

My Ride K-12 Bus Information — The **My Ride K-12** app is now live with student bus route information for the 2026-27 school year. Please download the app and take a few minutes before the first day of school to review your student's transportation information and make sure you are familiar with the assigned bus, stop and schedule. Please contact the transportation department if information does not appear correct.

Measles Awareness — We encourage families to remain aware of recent measles outbreaks in the region and to review their student's immunization records with their health care provider. Please contact your child's school nurse or the district if you have questions about immunization requirements or student health procedures.

School Tax Bills — School tax bills will become available on **Tuesday, Sept. 1**. For your convenience, taxes may be paid online beginning on Tuesday, providing families with another option for completing this annual obligation.

Sincerely,


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