



WYOMING COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dear Students, Families, and Friends of Wyoming County Schools,

I am delighted to welcome you to what will be an exciting 2018-19 school year in Wyoming County. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the longer summer and have had many memorable experiences filled with fun and sun. Each new school year brings new possibilities and hope for all involved . . . children, families, communities, and school employees. Everyone becomes enthused about the experiences and growth that will come with the new school year. The quote, "And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been", by Rainer Maria Rilke, gives light to the anticipation of the 2018-19 school year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Our first day of school is a full day for all students, except for those in Preschool and Kindergarten. Each school will plan orientations, Back to School Bashes, and activities designed to provide a wonderful opening for students and families. Schools will make families aware of plans via letters, or newspaper information, or phone calls, or Facebook, or the Wyoming County Schools website.

As a school district, we have taken several bold and important steps to enhance your child's learning experience. We are grateful for your support as we embark on these efforts and look forward to your continued advocacy in the coming year. We are excited about several new educational projects including:

- Completion of Summer Reading Programs at all Elementary and Middle Schools;
- Productive and innovative Summer Professional Development Series and trainings for teachers;
- Implementation of a K-12 Drug Prevention Curriculum;
- Utilization of English/Language Arts and Math Curriculum Coaches to support teachers and instruction within the schools;
- A district-wide Writing Plan for grades 3-12;
- New K-12 math series, including "family-friendly" technology components;
- Secret Stories Phonics Program for grades K-2;
- Transition to a traditional (8 period) schedule for high schools;
- Implementation of a Digital Learning Center at each high school, which will provide an array of digital and online learning opportunities;
- Continued emphasis on clean, first-rate school buildings and facilities;
- Dual credit courses for high school students;
- Online college courses for high school students;
- New payroll and substitute calling system for employees;
- Communities in Schools Program for dropout prevention at Westside High School;
- Graduation 20/20 Program for dropout prevention at both high schools;
- Emergency Safety Communication Equipment and Tools for all schools;
- Revision, update, and training regarding Crisis Management Plans at all school;
- New and additional mobile computer labs at all schools;
- New virtual reality labs at all schools;
- New computers for classroom computer labs at several schools; and
- New and additional Viewboard computer systems in every school.

Wyoming County Schools is thankful for the community support that enables Wyoming County's children to experience this high-quality education. Each of these components is an important addition to the numerous educational tools and initiatives already in place. We pledge to provide the best learning experiences possible for the students that we serve, now and in the future.

Student safety is one of our primary responsibilities, and we take this charge very seriously. We want children to attend schools that reinforce safety, in all regards, and this goal begins with relationships. School employees, students, families, and community members must work together, as a team, to communicate and remain actively engaged to assure the safety and well-being of our children. Please do not hesitate to contact any school or the Central Office regarding any safety concern.

The Vision of Wyoming County Schools is to maintain "an efficient and effective system where employees have all needed resources and children are HAPPY while they are learning". On behalf of the incredible team of educators, support staff, and the Board of Education Members who serve the children of Wyoming County, we thank you for putting your faith in us to provide your children with a world-class education. We look forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure the success of ALL of our students.

Blessings to you all,



Deirdre A. Cline
Superintendent