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Dear Colleagues,

Summer 2012 is quickly disappearing with the promise of Opening Day 2012 on the horizon! I am honored to lead this district and grateful to have such dedicated staff to work with. I am confident that together, we can move this district in a positive direction. In fact, I know we can!

Hopefully, you have slowed your pace for the summer months. Here in the District, the activity level has been high. Our administrative, office, custodial and maintenance staffs have been working throughout the summer to prepare our buildings and programs for the return of faculty, staff and students. While groups of teachers have been participating in valuable training, central office staff has been conducting interviews, attending trainings, organizing, and getting the offices ready for the school year. In addition, the implementation of the new and challenging Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) has brought teachers and administrators together this summer to work collaboratively on the District's plan to implement this state-wide mandate.

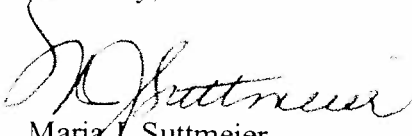
The District is pleased to welcome Mrs. April Prestipino as the Coordinator of School Improvement. While the title may have changed, the scope of the work remains the same with curriculum and instruction as the focal point of all school improvement. We continue with the search to fill the important Business Manager position and hope to make an announcement soon. In the meantime, we are thankful to have the continued support of Jack McKinney.

I look forward to welcoming faculty and professional staff on Tuesday, September 4, in the high school auditorium for an informational day regarding the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). Likewise, I am excited to greet all staff on Wednesday, September 5, in the high school auditorium for our official opening day agenda.

Please enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Board of Education and Administration in the cafeteria beginning at 7:00 a.m. before reporting promptly to the auditorium at 8:00 a.m. as we begin our journey together!

I wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day with family and friends.

Sincerely,



Maria J. Suttmeier
Superintendent of Schools

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead