



**Bloomington Public Schools
School District 87**

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Dear Colleague,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer. I know that the summer is a very busy time of the year for educators. Graduate classes, staff development activities and the demands of family keep everyone busy throughout the season. Just as you are busy during the summer, renovation work at each of our schools and the hiring of new staff keep us busy as well.

Since the end of the 2008-09 school year in June:

- We have hired approximately 25 new certified staff members to replace retirees and those who left District 87;
- Mrs. Christina Brock-Lammers has been hired as principal of Irving Elementary School;
- Mrs. Vickie Slagell will be serving as interim principal at Bent Elementary;
- Ms. Lisa Martinez is our new Associate Principal at BHS;
- Mrs. Stacy Rogers and Mr. David LaFrance are our new Assistant Principals at BHS; and
- Renovations in all schools are on schedule.

In addition to our new faculty and staff and our renovated schools, we will be implementing the IlliniData Student Management System, a new student data management system this year. This system is designed to put unprecedented amounts of student data at your fingertips. We piloted this program at Oakland Elementary this past spring and have provided many of our staff with training on it on Wednesdays this summer as part of the Moveable Feast. Everyone will be provided additional training on its use starting in August.

This year, new teachers and staff should report to their school on Friday, August 14, 2009. All staff members are invited to our welcome back breakfast at Bloomington High School at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2009, followed by an all staff meeting in the BHS auditorium at 8:30 a.m. Your principal will provide school specific information on schedules for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week. Students will return to school on Thursday, August 20, 2009.

I hope the summer has provided you with the time to recharge and prepare for a great new year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Sincerely,

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