

Thank you for an Outstanding First Month of School!

Our first month of school in all our new homes has gone very well. The students (and teachers) are becoming more familiar and comfortable with their new buildings. A huge thank you goes out to our administrative staffs, our transportation department and our SROs for troubleshooting all the new traffic patterns with bus and car riders. Great job everyone. I also appreciate the parent's patience and flexibility as we continue to explore all our options for traffic flow.

August was a very busy time for all of our staff getting ready for the new year. Over the past month, our schools have hosted our students and families at <u>26 events</u> ranging from grade level and employee Open Houses to Unveilings and Sneak Peeks. Along with our curriculum and PTO nights, there have been multiple opportunities for the community to come see our new buildings and meet their teachers. None of this could have been done without the amazing work of our Custodial staffs at all 5 buildings! Dennis Murray and his staff performed above and beyond getting our schools ready this summer.

One of the very cool transformations that took place over the summer- and for this, we have our amazing teachers to thank- all the buildings have such a warm and welcoming feel to them and they each have taken on their own personalities and energy. All summer we have been talking about these 5 buildings- since our teachers and our kids have moved in- they feel like home!

I would also like to congratulate Dennis Murray's father, Walter Murray, on his recent retirement after 48 years of service to Buford City Schools. Walt and his family demonstrate a lifelong commitment to the traditions of Buford City Schools.

September is filled with many of those traditions and my wife and I look forward to enjoying Homecoming on September 20th and all the events that make it a special week. We look forward to many Friday nights to come at Tom Riden stadium.

I hope you find some time to relax this Labor Day weekend, enjoy some college football this weekend.

Go Wolves!

Dr. Robert Downs

Superintendent