Message from Dr. Robert Downs Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 7 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines at all our new buildings. Please remember that **you play a vital role in your child's success at school**.

We had record-breaking turnout at our first All Pro Dad event with close to 1000 participants. Our All Pro Dad speaker, Mike Linch, talked about how important that time spent talking with your kids can be. His son, Casey, has his fondest memories of the time spent in the car, uninterrupted, just talking with his Dad. You can have such an impact on your student by just asking about his/her day and having a positive attitude about learning.

The hard work at school and at home has paid off in some of the district's best Advanced Placement and Milestones scores from last year. Our graduation rate continues to be among the highest in the state at 92.6%. These successes are not just high school numbers- these successes are K-12 successes as their education in the formative years prepared the way for them to be successful in high school.

While the academic focus is critical, the stresses of being a student in today's world have added an entirely new dimension to education. As we balance formative and summative assessments in educating students, we have added a goal to our District Improvement Plan to help guide us in addressing students' social and emotional wellbeing. Our first Parent Engagement event took place on Monday night and it was a huge success with **over 500 parents** at the PAC learning about the dangers of the internet and how best to help their students in today's fast-changing world.

Like most of you I am still trying to catch my breath from the last play in overtime on Friday. What a game! Congratulations Coach Appling on an amazing game. I really enjoyed the Homecoming Spirit in all our schools this month. Students and staff embraced the themes for the week (I even dusted off my Cowboy Boots!) and the Homecoming Parade did not disappoint. We are looking forward to a busy October with Fall Festival, BCSS Blood Drive and a four-day student holiday weekend.

Go Wolves!