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Dear MVR-III Families,

I hope this letter finds you well rested, relaxed, and enjoying the summer! As we look ahead to the 2022-23 school year, I am filled with hope, excitement, and anticipation of another great school year. Our staff have been planning, preparing, and working hard to get our classrooms ready to welcome students back on our first day of school, Tuesday, August 23rd.

Some of our summer planning work has been focused on school health and safety. As part of the MVR-III no tax increase Prop 1 bond issue, all schools in the district now have secure vestibule entrances, providing a safe single point of entry for all district buildings. The district is also expanding the Watch D.O.G.S (dads of great students) safety program at each K-8 building in the district. If you are interested learning more about this program or volunteering even 1 day a year as a Watch D.O.G.S. in your child's school, please complete the sign-up form on our district website.

The district has also launched a survey to parents, staff, and 5th-12th grade students for input on our district COVID Response Plan for the 22-23 school year. We want all staff, students, and families to know that we value their input on the health and safety of our students, and that our top priorities as a district are always safety and learning. I encourage all families and students in 5th-12th grade to complete the survey by July 13th.

Academically, we have many new and innovative programs to celebrate and continue to grow this year as well. As a district we have expanded PreK-12th grade PLTW (Project Lead The Way) course offerings this year and now have STEAM labs at all of our elementary schools. Likewise, we will continue with our common Trimester scheduling model throughout our district for the upcoming school year. Our student trimester data shows a significant decrease in the percentage of failing grades, an increase in overall GPA's, and an increased sense of successfully managing coursework for our secondary students.

In the Meramec Valley R-III School District we strongly believe in the partnership between school, our families, and the community in order to reach our common goals. Please take an opportunity to review our district goals and supporting data on our website: www.mvr3.k12.mo.us/page/strategic-plan. We believe that by sharing these goals with families and our community, we can better work together to achieve and grow our wonderful district for our students and live our mission of *"Together We Make a Difference in Doing What's Best for Kids."*

From our staff to your family, we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe, and we can't wait to see our students on Tuesday, August 23rd!

Your partner in learning,

Dr. Carrie Schwierjohn
Superintendent



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