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Charger Nation Students and Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all in great spirits as we eagerly anticipate the start of the new school year! I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and plans that will make this year at Wabaunsee truly exceptional for all our students.

- ★ First and foremost, I am excited to announce that we are embarking on a new journey of a unified elementary campus. This means our elementary students will have the wonderful opportunity to learn and grow together in a supportive and cohesive environment. This integration will foster a stronger sense of community and collaboration among our youngest learners, setting a solid foundation for their future academic endeavors.
- ★ I'm also delighted to inform you that we have streamlined our bus routes, reducing student travel times. This thoughtful change ensures students arrive promptly and safely at school and creates a uniform start and dismissal time (8:10 AM to 3:30 PM) across the district. With this streamlined schedule, we can optimize classroom time, allowing for enhanced learning experiences and a smoother school day for everyone.
- ★ Additionally, I am delighted to introduce Callie Meinhardt, who will join our team as the Student Support Specialist at the high school. Callie's dedication to supporting and empowering students is unparalleled, and we are confident she will be a tremendous asset to our school community. Her passion for helping students thrive academically and emotionally will undoubtedly positively impact each of our student's lives.
- ★ Moreover, I am proud to share that we have made significant strides in enhancing our administrative support this year. We now have administrators assigned to each building for the entire day, ensuring uninterrupted focus and attention to the needs of our students and staff. This change will enable us to address any concerns promptly and proactively, creating a more enriching and nurturing environment for everyone at Wabaunsee.
- ★ Furthermore, we are wholeheartedly renewing our focus on literacy and empowering our students with strong math abilities at the elementary level. We understand that these fundamental skills are the cornerstones of academic success. By reinforcing these essential building blocks, we are paving the way for our students' bright futures, instilling in them the confidence to tackle any challenge that comes their way.
- ★ For our junior and senior high school students, we are committed to providing a more individualized and tailored approach to post-secondary success and career planning. Every student's journey is unique, and we aim to nurture their passions, talents, and aspirations. Through personalized guidance and support, we will help our students chart their course toward their dreams, whether in higher education or the professional world.

USD 329 is more than just a school district; we are a family united by our commitment to our students and their bright futures. Together, as the Charger Nation, we will continue to produce excellence that captures the attention of the region and beyond.

To our remarkable students, know that each of you is valued, cherished, and capable of greatness. Our school thrives because of the diverse talents and perspectives you bring to our community. Together, we will make this year unforgettable, filled with joy, growth, and countless achievements.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need support throughout the year. We are here for you every step of the way. We look forward to seeing our students return on August 15th!

With warmest regards,



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USD 329 Back-to-School Important Dates

Thursday, August 10th - Fall Sports Parent-Athlete Meeting (7 - 8:00 PM)

Monday, August 14th - PK to 5th Back-to-School Night at Wabaunsee Elementary (4:00 - 6:00 PM)

Tuesday, August 15th - First day of school K-12 (1:00 PM Early Release)

Wednesday, August 16th - Regular Bell Schedule (8:10 AM to 3:30 PM)

Monday, September 4th - Labor Day Holiday - (NO SCHOOL)