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To: Watertown Families
From: Interim Superintendent, Dr. John Ramos
Subject: Welcome Message from the Superintendent

Good afternoon Watertown Families,

As your Interim Superintendent of schools, I want to again welcome you to the new school year which ***begins this coming Tuesday, September 8, 2020.*** Schools, like all other things around us, will look and feel much different because of COVID-19 and the regulations associated with it. Over the past couple of weeks, you have received communications from both the central office and your child's school, so you have a sense of just how different things will be.

Our staff has worked tirelessly to stay ahead of the various State of CT directives to keep students safe and much preparation has gone into making sure our students will be engaged in the educational process. That said, I am asking our school families to be patient as we enter Day 1 and beyond. If your child does not have a chrome book on Tuesday, *for example*, please work with us and try not to be frustrated. Much has gone into making our new reality flow as effectively as possible and it will continue to be a work in progress. If, after students have returned, we find that there are additional adjustments that need to be made, know it will only be done if it is deemed to be in the best interest of our students and faculty.

Like you, our staff is working hard and feels the weight of this moment. Please remember that your child's safety is our number one priority. As always, we're on the same team. Your patience and flexibility will be most appreciated as we all navigate through this experience together.

Thank you for all that you do each day.