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Administrative District **#58**

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school for the 2017-18 school year! The summer has been a busy one in the district, with a few new staff members being hired and with planning for the renovation projects at Phillips Elementary School and Mt Abram High School being started. I am confident that this will be a great year for our students and for our staff. I hope students and parents had a restful summer and are ready to be a part of a new school year.

Welcoming back students carries a great deal of meaning for me, as the opening of a new school year offers many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our communities and students, and brings to light that we are extremely fortunate to live in a school system that values education. As we begin this school year, please remember that it takes exceptional staff, informed active parents, and an involved community to create the best possible arena for learning. Along with the principals, I want to make certain that every student is able to achieve his or her fullest potential but each school will need your assistance to achieve this goal. Student achievement remains our highest priority and our resources are aligned to ensure this success for every student. The staff will continue to work collaboratively to assure that each child in our school system receives the best education possible. Parental support is a key part of this success and I ask you to make sure that your child has regular school attendance. Please stress to your child the importance of regular school attendance and the importance of full engagement in their learning. Together we can make sure that full potential is reached.

Throughout the year, if you have a question or concern, please call your child's teacher and if needed, follow that with a call to the school principal. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about your child's education or you have other questions. School is an extension of home and your assistance in guiding your child's learning by supporting homework completion; stressing the importance of a positive work ethic; being dedicated, engaged learners; attending school each day; and encouraging them to do their best, is greatly appreciated.

I hope to keep open communications with parents in an effort to be a partner with you in the education of your child.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Pratt
Superintendent of Schools