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Greetings students and families,

I want to take a moment and wish everyone a relaxing Labor Day weekend and to update you on our schools as we head into fall. Although we have only been back in school a few weeks, the 2023 -24 school year is off to a wonderful start. There is a great deal of excitement in our schools as our students and staff once again experience all the fall traditions that come with a new school year. In preparing for this new year both school districts completed several projects over the summer to help maintain and improve our facilities.

At Richmond-Burton the new [Learning Resource Center, cafe and outdoor student patio](#) were completed. In addition, as part of Richmond-Burton's Long-Term Facility Plan, the District continued with preventative maintenance by replacing roofing that was at the end of its lifespan. Nippersink SD 2 also had several projects completed this summer that were part of its own Long-Term Facility Plan.

At Nippersink Middle School, the district began to replace the oldest sections of the roof. A schedule has been developed that will see the entire NMS roof replaced over the next several years. Additionally, all school buildings in Nippersink SD 2 received HVAC upgrades to improve ventilation and air filtration in common areas. Federal and state grant monies were used to cover the majority of cost for these projects.

We also made improvements to our [playground areas at RGS and SGE](#). This effort was led by the PTOs and with the generous help of community businesses and families. The playground upgrades have positively transformed recess for the students and will continue to serve as a great place to play and exercise with friends.

Finally, I want to thank our parents and communities for the support they give to our students, staff and schools each day. Our goal remains to ensure a student's individual needs are met, while we create an environment that fosters a positive learning experience for all students.

Sincerely,

*Tom Lind*

Dr. Tom Lind, Superintendent of Schools