

August 14, 2023

Dear B-ESD Families,

Welcome Back! I hope that all of you are enjoying your last weeks of summer. I am incredibly grateful and excited to be back in the Burlington-Edison School District. This district and community have always felt like home to me, and I am committed to ensuring that you and your students feel the same pride and joy that I feel when you are in our schools. I have spent the last several weeks moving into my office and preparing for the start of the school year. This preparation included spending several days learning together with building and district administrators at our summer Administrative Retreat. Our work together only served to affirm how lucky I am to be working in this district.

Our district staff returns on August 23rd for several days of professional learning focused on supporting all of our students' academic and social emotional needs. Our 1st-12th grade students return on August 30th. For 1st-8th grade students and families, we will once again host Family Connection Meetings during the afternoon on August 30th, 31st and September 1st. The high school will be on a regular, full-day schedule. An Orientation for 9th Grade students will be held on August 28th from 3:30pm to 8:00pm. The chart below includes more detailed information on these first days of school:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wednesday, August 16th School Offices Reopen● Saturday, August 19th BECK Back to School Fair @ Maiben Park: 10:00am-2:00pm● Wednesday, August 16th HS Athletics - Fall Sports begin● Wednesday, August 23rd District Staff Return for Professional Learning and Planning● Monday, August 28th 9th Grade Orientation● Wednesday, August 30th<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First day of school!○ Student half-day (Grades 1-8)○ Family Connection Meetings in the afternoon (Grades 1-8)○ WAKids (Kinder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thursday, August 31st<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Student half-day (Grades 1-8)○ Family Connection Meetings in the afternoon and evening○ WAKids (Kinder)● Friday, September 1st<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Student half-day (Grades 1-8)○ Family Connection Meetings in the afternoon (as needed)○ WAKids (Kinder)● Monday, September 4th<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Labor Day - No School● Tuesday, September 5th<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First Day for Kindergarten
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As a reminder, last year we launched an exciting new mobile app to help students, parents, and community members know what is happening at schools from their phones. Stay up-to-date with access to events, documents, news from administrators, student stories, and even emergency notifications. You can download the app for free on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

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I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year in schools, at school and district events, and in other community spaces. This is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Chris Pearson
Superintendent
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