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Bloomfield Public Schools Superintendent's Memo

Raising the Bar is Taking us Far

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members,

We are excited to welcome new and returning students and staff to Bloomfield Public Schools for the 2019-2020 year.

More than 2,250 pre-K to 12 students are registered at our seven district schools, as of on August 28. Enrollment numbers can be unpredictable up until Oct. 1, but early indications are that we will see a significant increase of students in our school district.

During the past several years, we have made great progress towards closing the academic achievement gap, which we have always viewed as an opportunity gap. These accomplishments were guided by the successful implementation of the Bloomfield Public Schools' Plan of Excellence. It provides us with the vision, theory of action and priorities that are based on this community's shared belief that all children are capable of learning.

We also are acutely aware of our areas for improvement, particularly at the grade 3 to 8 level. We have put new strategies in place that will make us more intentional and effective in moving our district forward academically.

Our recent convocation featured four student speakers, each with an inspirational address to the faculty.

I am confident that we have the elements in place to continue our forward momentum – enthusiastic and talented students, engaged parents, a supportive community, dedicated staff, and a rigorous curriculum. We will continue to embrace best practices while identifying points of pride and areas that need improvement.

Our motto, Raising the Bar is Taking us Far, speaks to our mission to reinforce high expectations for all students - and prepare them for college and meaningful careers.

As we enter a new school year, I am certain that we will continue to build on our accomplishments, and our culture that strives for excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. I look forward to another successful year!

Thank you,

Dr. James Thompson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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