

**River Forest  
Public Schools**

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August 13, 2020

Dear Colleague,

I hope that this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that August is here, and that we are preparing for “back to school” days. I realize the challenge of the coming year is on the minds of everyone and I want to thank you for the understanding and support as we navigate through this extraordinary time. While our “back to school” days will look quite different this year, we are certain this will be a very successful school year of growth and promise. Hopefully, you have had the chance to spend some well-deserved time with family and friends this summer and relax a bit, too!

You will be excited to know that there will be a number of new faculty and staff members joining our school community this year. Please join me in welcoming them to River Forest District 90! These new colleagues include the following:

***“Name” – “Position”***

**Lincoln**     *Joy McKenna-O'Reilly – Instructional Specialist*  
                  *Theresa Dubois – School Secretary*  
                  *Jill Kruger – Teacher Grade 2*

**Roosevelt**   *Kelly Bower – Math Teacher Grade 5/6*  
                  *Sapana Shah – Math Teacher Grade 7/8*  
                  *Bryan Crumpley - Social Studies Teacher*  
                  *Gwyn Joliff-Blake – ELA Teacher Grade 5/6 Long-Term Sub*  
                  *Jessica Benson – ELA Teacher Grade 5*  
                  *Colleen Pariso – ELA Teacher Grade 8*  
                  *Julie Daly – ELA Teacher Grade 8*  
                  *Grace Fey – Skills Teacher Grade 5/6*  
                  *Elizabeth Saunders – Skills Teacher Grade 7/8*  
                  *Cindy Senneke – Music Teacher*  
                  *Tiffanie Torrisi – Special Ed MTSS Coordinator\**

**Willard**     *Leslie Mabins - Custodian*  
                  *Brittany Yelnick -Social Worker*  
                  *Annika Himebaugh – Teacher Grade 2*  
                  *Katherine Till – Teacher Grade 2*  
                  *Lilibeth Becerril – Teacher Grade 3*  
                  *Jasmin Davis – Teacher Grade 4*

*\*Staffed at Multiple Schools*

Even amidst a pandemic, this has been an accomplished summer here in District 90. Remote Summer School, building construction/renovations, instructional planning, and technology preparations have all played a part in keeping us all busy. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication that everyone has put into ensuring that the summer has been focused and productive.

The Roosevelt HVAC and window replacement projects have obviously been a major focus. Anthony Cozzi and the Building and Grounds team are working very hard to ensure that all of our schools are ready for staff occupancy as soon as possible. I feel confident that when you see the buildings and classrooms you will be most pleased with the results of their labors.

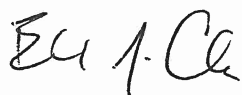
All of these efforts are geared toward the official start to the upcoming school year when staff members report to their classrooms and workspaces on Monday, August 24. On this date, our District Institute day will be hosted virtually, and the enclosed agenda outlines the various programs and meetings that are scheduled to take place. Please note that photos for ID's for **new** staff only will be taken at each assigned school from 8-9:00 AM. New staff should report to your assigned school between that time frame to receive your District ID. We will be using last year's photos for returning staff and delivering new ID's to each school.

Tuesday, August 25 marks the date for our School Institute day, and this mailing includes some scheduled events for that day, as well. However, your principal will provide you with more specific information as to the final schedule of events at your school. Finally, Wednesday, August 26 is scheduled as our Teacher Institute Day. This day has been designated for teachers to use for working in their classrooms, holding virtual team or articulation discussions, and attending any virtual student-related meetings needed in advance of the first day of "remote student attendance" on Thursday, August 27.

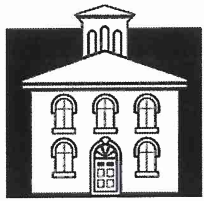
***Please see the attached document for guidance on how to self-screen for any potential COVID-19 symptoms when arriving at school and reporting to classrooms on August 24. All individuals working in D90 facilities must wear a mask, adhere to 6-foot social distancing requirements, and comply with frequent hand washing expectations. On August 24, training will be provided to all staff regarding the District 90 safety expectations and procedures. Similarly, you will receive District-issued PPE on the first day of school. Please reach out to your principal if you do not have a mask to wear upon arrival on August 24 or have any questions about entering the building on the first day.***

As you can see, there is much to look forward to. Though the challenges are many and varied in our profession, the purpose of our shared work is of the highest calling. For this reason - and many others - the entire administrative team looks forward to working along side you as we begin the next stage of our journey together on August 24!

Best regards,



Ed Condon, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



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***District 90 Virtual Institute Day***  
***Monday, August 24, 2020***

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| 8:30 – 8:45 AM   | <b>Welcome</b><br>Rich Moore, Board President<br>Ed Condon, Superintendent<br>Join Zoom Meeting:<br><a href="https://district90-org.zoom.us/j/87906165244?pwd=ZTZDbkxFNlhvK2JpSC9BNDJubW9LQT09">https://district90-org.zoom.us/j/87906165244?pwd=ZTZDbkxFNlhvK2JpSC9BNDJubW9LQT09</a><br>Meeting ID: 879 0616 5244<br>Passcode: 134188<br>Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) |
| 8:45 – 9:00 AM   | <b>New Staff Introductions</b><br>Denise Matthews, Casey Godfrey,<br>Larry Garstki, Diane Wood  |
| 9:00 – 9:30 AM   | <b>Safety Protocol Training</b><br>Ed Condon  |
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM   | <b>Strategic Plan 2020-2025 Update</b><br>Ed Condon   |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:00 - 11:30 AM | <b>Social Emotional Learning Training</b><br>Join Zoom Meeting:<br><a href="https://district90-org.zoom.us/j/88691573744?pwd=RjJJZVZic2JzRlZKSWFbXZsSm45UT09">https://district90-org.zoom.us/j/88691573744?pwd=RjJJZVZic2JzRlZKSWFbXZsSm45UT09</a><br>Meeting ID: 886 9157 3744<br>Passcode: 161088<br>Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)                      |
| 11:30 – 12:00 AM | <b>RFEA Meeting</b><br>Co-Presidents and staff  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM  | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1:00 – 3:15 PM   | <b>Building Level Meetings</b>  |

***District 90 Institute Day***  
**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**  
**Building Meetings/Business**

8:15 -11:45 AM	<b>Building Sessions</b>
11:45 - 12:45 PM	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
1:00 - 3:15 PM	<b>Afternoon Collaborations</b>
	<b>Teacher Assistant Meeting</b> Denise Matthews

***District 90 Institute Day***  
**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**  
**Building-Based Teacher/Teacher Teams Planning and Preparation**  
**Special Education Articulation Meetings**  
**8:30a.m. – 3:15p.m.**