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Dear Colleague,

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and the chance to recharge a bit with family and friends. Whether you have traveled far and wide or just enjoyed some relaxing time locally, summer is certainly the best time to rest and recoup – especially after the year we had in 2020-21! If you have any fun summer photos to share, please be sure to email them to Dawne Simmons at [simmons@district90.org](mailto:simmons@district90.org) so that she can insert them in our annual “Back to School” slideshow.

You will be excited to know that there are many new faculty/staff members joining our D90 family this year! You will have the chance to become familiar with them during our District Institute days and convey your enthusiasm about welcoming them to District 90. Since we are still completing the hiring process with a few vacant positions, we are not listing our new colleagues here individually. However, I am confident that you will be as impressed as the hiring teams with the individuals who have been selected to fill these roles. Of note, we were very pleased to welcome a new District 90 administrator on July 1 when Debbie Lubeck joined the team as our Director of Student Services.

As usual, this has been a busy summer here in District 90. Summer programs, elementary HVAC projects, instructional planning, and COVID-19 mitigation preparations have all played a part in keeping the schools humming with activity. It goes without saying that we are most grateful for the dedication of our Buildings and Grounds staff. The maintenance team has been working very hard to ensure that the schools are ready for occupancy as soon as possible. They are an amazing group of individuals.

Other D90 staff members taught in the Summer School program or Power Scholars Academy this year, participated in important professional training, attended instructional conferences, completed graduate coursework, and participated as members of our RFEA/ADCO Working Group. The Working Group focused on elements specific to COVID-19 and school reopening protocols. At the same time, the administrative team focused on strategic planning, scheduling, and hiring while the District staff managed a multitude of essential details. I am very proud of the dedication and commitment that has been exacted to ensure our schools are ready for the in-person return of our students this fall.

All these efforts are focused on the official start to the upcoming school year on Monday, August 23. On this date, our District Institute Day will be hosted at the individual schools, and the enclosed agenda outlines the various programs and events that are scheduled to occur. Please note that photos for staff ID’s will be taken at each school during the morning of August 23, beginning at 7:00 A.M. There will also be a breakfast served at each school beginning at 7:30 A.M. Lunch on August 23 will be “on your own” and adequate time will be provided for individuals to leave and return to campus, if desired. Tuesday, August 24 marks the date for our Teacher Planning and Preparation Day. Your principal will provide you with more specific information as to the final schedule of events at your school that day. Finally, Wednesday, August 25 is scheduled as the first day of school with students.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable end to the summer and look forward to seeing you on August 23!

Best regards,

Ed Condon, Ph.D.  
*Superintendent*