



- ❖ **Staff Development Days:**
 - Our first full staff days began on Monday, August 25th. Thank you to our Child Nutrition Department for providing our staff with a great breakfast on Monday and Tuesday sponsored by Falcon and Frandsen Banks. We greatly appreciate the support. We had a good opening day, which included a motivational talk by Tracy Byrd, Minnesota's 2024 Teacher of the Year. Tracy spoke about the importance of building positive relationships with our students and providing all we can to ensure our students have every opportunity to be successful.
- ❖ **Open House:**
 - I was thrilled to see all the families and their children at Open House on August 27th. School Open House sets the stage for a great first day to start the school year, helping all our students feel more comfortable in their new classrooms, and learning about the new school year.
- ❖ **School in Session:**
 - Students, teachers, and support staff began the year and we are off to a very positive start to the school year. Seeing the students in school, along with the whole staff has been great.
- ❖ **Negotiations:**
 - The Board Committees have met with three union groups (Secretaries, Custodians, Child Nutrition). More meetings are coming up soon.
- ❖ **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Project**
 - Our IAQ project has completed almost all of the Phase I portions of the project to be completed in the summer of 2025. The pool air handler won't be delivered until later this month. It will be installed in late October, or early November. This later installation is due to delays in manufacturing. Our Buildings and Grounds staff have done wonders getting us ready for school and working to keep our facilities looking good after the first phase was completed in August.
- ❖ **Community Building:**
 - Meeting with the Benton County Economic Partnership and Foley Chamber of Commerce has been very rewarding, helping me to meet more people and become more connected to our community.