

September 2, 2009  
Message from the Superintendent

### **Back to School**

Everyone at CCSD 89 is very excited to start the new school year! Grades 1 through 8 will begin Tuesday, September 8, while preschool and kindergarten students will start the year on Wednesday, September 9. Finishing touches are taking place in all our buildings, and students will return to updated schools that will serve their educational needs well into the future.

The teachers had their first look at the renovated buildings this week and moved their materials back into their updated classrooms. The excitement is building, and I know it will be a great year!

### **New Literacy Series**

Teachers in grades K-5 will implement a new literacy program this year called *Reading Street*. This research-based, balanced literacy series includes a wealth of resources for teachers to meet the diverse needs of our students. All units are focused around a concept question, enabling students to make connections to the real world, and all lessons are aligned with Illinois Literacy Standards. Furthermore, there are various strategies for meeting the needs of our English Language Learners. Multiple digital components are included giving students, parents, and teachers access to materials at home. Additionally, reading specialists will be utilizing a component of the program, *My Sidewalks*, as an intervention for those students needing extra literacy support.

### **District 89 Welcomes Three New Administrators**

We are proud to welcome the following new administrators to our buildings this year and wish them much success in their new positions:

Todd Schrage, Principal at Glen Crest Middle School  
Shalagh O'Neill, Assistant Principal at Glen Crest Middle School  
David Bruno, Principal at Arbor View Elementary School

Please find time to introduce yourself to them when you are visiting your child's school.

### **H1N1 Influenza**

Since the H1N1 flu virus tends to target young people, school districts across the country are taking steps to prevent the spread of this flu virus in schools. District 89 receives its guidance from the DuPage County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control. As was stressed last spring, the best prevention for the spread of the H1N1 virus is the washing of hands with soap and the utilization of cold/cough etiquette. As students return to the classrooms, they will be reminded about these healthy habits. We would encourage you to enforce them at home as well.

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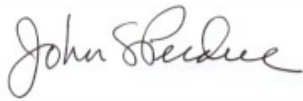
Shalagh S. O'Neill, Assistant Principal

Remember, the most important things you and your children can do to prevent H1N1 flu are:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick
- Keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medications). *\*This is a change from last year's 7-day requirement.*

As school reopens, please remember to be watchful for children at street intersections, school speed zones, and safety. We have worked with our student transportation system to ensure accurate routes; however, if you experience a problem, please alert your building principal so we can address any problems.

Here's to a great 2009-2010, and thank you for supporting *Learning for Life* in District 89!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John S. Perdue".

John S. Perdue, Ed.D.  
Superintendent`