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Dear Bluehawk Educators,

It is hard to believe that it's already time to send you this "welcome back to the 2018-19 school year" letter! I hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer. It is my pleasure to welcome you once again to an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our students. Each of you is a valuable part of our Hudson team and I look forward to seeing you on September 4.

I am very pleased to share important information regarding the capital improvement initiatives the Hudson City School District has implemented. The second phase of our two-phase capital improvement plan is nearing completion. This includes renovations as well as the addition of new classrooms at the M. C. Smith School to support the learning environment of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students and staff. I am also excited to share that the Board officially passed a resolution to change the name to Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School (MCSES). This change is subtle, yet it represents the continued evolution of the school building from a high school to middle school to intermediate school and now to a K-5 elementary school.

As usual, George Keeler and the entire Custodial and Maintenance staff has been busy preparing for the start of another school year. However, this year they have done an exceptional job given the added work of the Capital Project! Please be sure to thank them for their above and beyond contributions when you see them.

To kick off another wonderful school year in Hudson and establish our focus, I invite all district employees to attend our opening day convocation on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. This year, we will gather on the beautiful **M. C. Smith Elementary School campus**. For the first time in history, this is where the Destination Graduation journey will begin for our students!

The mandatory **Right to Know/DASA/SAVE trainings** are being offered online this year to allow adequate time for the setup of new classrooms and office spaces at MCSES. Please be sure to turn over the agenda for instructions. These trainings can be taken online anywhere at any time. All you need is a computer. Once you have successfully completed the trainings, you and the district will be notified.

Please plan to arrive early to participate in the **morning refreshments and Health Fair beginning at 7:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria before the **kick off begins in the auditorium promptly at 8:35 a.m.**

When you arrive you will find familiar faces along with new faces, new spaces and renewed energy!

Wishing you a fun and safe end to summer 2018!

Sincerely,

Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier
Superintendent of Schools

