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Dear Students,

Welcome back to the 23-24 School Year! I hope you had an interesting, productive summer and are ready to get back to school. As we start the new academic year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere excitement and warmest wishes for your success in the upcoming school year.

At the Monroe County School District, we believe that creating a nurturing environment where each student feels loved, valued, and respected is of great importance. We understand that academic success is not solely measured by grades or test scores but is also influenced by the emotional well-being and sense of belonging experienced within our school community.

In our classrooms and hallways, we strive to cultivate an atmosphere that celebrates each student and encourages empathy, kindness, and understanding. We believe that when students feel safe, supported and loved, they thrive academically and personally. Our commitment to fostering this environment is unwavering, and we invite you to join us in making our schools places where everyone feels loved, valued, and respected.

Each one of you brings a unique set of talents, perspectives, and experiences that enrich our community. Let's remember to approach one another with open minds and open hearts, embracing our differences and celebrating our shared experiences.

Our dedicated staff is here to guide and support you throughout your educational journey. We are committed to providing not only excellent instruction but also mentorship, guidance, and a listening ear. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to reach out whenever you need assistance or simply want to share your thoughts and aspirations.

As we begin this new chapter together, we encourage you to actively engage in fostering a positive atmosphere, where acts of kindness and appreciation become the norm. Your small gestures of support and understanding can have a profound impact on the lives of your peers and contribute to a school culture that thrives on compassion and respect.

Remember, you are not alone on this journey. We, as a school community, are here to support and uplift one another. Let's create an environment where everyone feels empowered to be their authentic selves and pursue their dreams.

We are excited to begin this new academic year with you and look forward to witnessing your growth, accomplishments, and the many memories we will create together. Welcome back students! Let's make this a remarkable year filled with endless possibilities.

Yours in education,

Theresa Axford
Superintendent of Monroe County Schools