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Dear School City of Whiting Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

It is with great excitement and optimism that I welcome you back for another incredible year at the School City of Whiting. Whether your child is entering our schools for the very first time or beginning their final year before graduation, please know how honored we are to be part of their educational journey.

This year, our district proudly embraces the theme **"One District, One Commitment."** Those four words represent more than a slogan, they define who we are and what we believe. They represent a united commitment by our Board of School Trustees, teachers, support staff, administrators, families, and community to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

During the past year, we worked together to develop a new strategic plan that will guide our district over the next several years. That plan is built around one simple idea: every decision we make should improve opportunities for students. Whether we are strengthening academic programs, expanding career and college pathways, enhancing school safety, improving our learning environments, or providing additional support for students, our focus remains the same—doing what is best for children.

Throughout the summer, our dedicated staff has been preparing for your child's return. Classrooms have been organized, buildings have been refreshed, professional development has taken place, and countless hours have been spent planning engaging lessons and meaningful experiences. Our teachers and staff are eager to welcome students back and are committed to making a positive difference in their lives each and every day. We know that one caring adult can change the trajectory of a child's future, and I am proud to say our schools are filled with educators who choose to make that difference every day.

Just as importantly, we recognize that every child learns differently and every family has unique needs. That is why we have strong support systems throughout our district. Our teachers, counselors, administrators, social workers, instructional staff, Nurses, and support personnel work together to ensure students receive the academic, emotional, and social support they need to grow and thrive. We are committed to knowing our students, understanding their individual strengths, and helping them overcome challenges along the way.

We also know that the strongest schools are built on strong partnerships with families. Your involvement, encouragement, and trust are essential to your child's success. We encourage you to stay connected with your child's school, attend events, communicate with teachers, and celebrate every accomplishment, big or small.

Most importantly, I want every family to know that our doors are always open. We value honest communication, collaboration, and the relationships we build with our families. If you ever have a question, concern, or simply want to share an idea, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to listen, support, and work alongside you because educating our children is a shared responsibility.

The future of the School City of Whiting is bright. Together, we are building on our proud traditions while embracing new opportunities that will prepare our students for success in college, careers, and life. I truly believe the best is yet to come, and I cannot wait to see all that our students accomplish this year.

Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. Let's make the 2026-2027 school year one filled with growth, achievement, and unforgettable experiences.

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