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Bradley R. Martin, Superintendent
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Preston County Schools Faculty & Staff:

We are excited to welcome our faculty and staff for opening day staff development sessions at Preston High School (PHS) on Tuesday, August 18th. Doors open at 7:00 AM with light refreshments and informational tables being available until approximately 7:55 AM with sessions beginning at 8:00 AM. All staff should enter at the PHS front concourse entry with parking available around the facility and adjacent to the BOE Offices.

In addition to the opening session, lunch will be available on site from 11 AM to 12:45 PM from Firebox Street Kitchen and includes a hot dog, chips, and drink from donated funds from the Thrasher Group, Ray Thompson State Farm, UNUM Dental & Vision, and Colonial Life.

Professional development sessions for both service and professional personnel will be held at Preston High School (PHS), Central Preston Middle School (CPMS), and/or Kingwood Elementary School (KES). Included with this cover letter are professional development schedules for professional & service personnel on August 18-19, 2026. The professional development schedules can also be found at the following links: (**August 18th PD Schedule Link**) and (**August 19th PD Schedule Link**). Professional development will be at school locations on August 20th (with the exception of Bus Drivers, Maintenance, and Mechanics) and August 21st which will serve as the prep day for the start of school.

All employees will be required to complete additional self-paced online professional development activities that will be available via the Safe Schools website: **https://preston-wv.safeschools.com/login** (site is found on the PCS website under staff resources). Login is completed with your employee number and no password). The modules will take several hours to complete. Completion of these activities by personnel can be exchanged for two hours of in-lieu time on Buckwheat Festival Thursday (9/24/26).

For questions about the scheduled professional development sessions, please contact your immediate supervisor or reach out to Brad Martin at brrmarti@k12wv.us; Katie Rush at kathleen.mcdonald@k12.wv.us; or Brenda Layton at blayton@k12.wv.us. Thank you and see you on August 18th!!!

Sincerely,
Bradley R. Martin, Superintendent