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Welcome Back Students and Parents
2026-2027 School Year

Dear Students and Parents,
Welcome back to another exciting year of learning, growth, and opportunity in the Monroe County School District! As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I am thrilled to welcome each of you back to our schools.

This year begins with an achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire community. I am pleased to share that Monroe County School District has earned its second consecutive 'A' rating from the State of Florida. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, support staff, administrators, families, and community partners. While we celebrate this success, we also recognize that excellence is not a destination, it is a commitment. We remain focused on continuing to improve outcomes for every student, every day.

Throughout the summer, our teams have been hard at work preparing for your return. Teachers and administrators have continued refining curriculum and instructional practices to ensure students receive engaging, rigorous, and meaningful learning experiences. Our facilities and maintenance teams have worked diligently to clean, improve, and prepare our campuses so that every school is ready to welcome students on the first day. Across the district, we have focused on creating environments where students feel warmly welcomed, physically safe, and academically challenged.

As we begin the new school year, our goal remains clear: to provide every student with the tools, opportunities, and support needed to reach their fullest potential. We believe that strong academic achievement is built on a foundation of positive relationships, high expectations, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Everyone in Monroe County School District is dedicated to student success, but education is a partnership. Parents and students play a critical role in helping us build upon our success. Regular attendance remains one of the most important factors in academic achievement. Every lesson, discussion, and classroom experience builds upon the next, making it essential for students to be present,

engaged, and ready to learn each day. Consistent attendance and punctuality help students develop strong academic habits, build meaningful relationships, and reach their full potential.

Reading is another powerful tool for student success. One of the bright spots in our district performance last year was the significant academic growth our students achieved in English Language Arts. These gains reflect the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the strength of our instructional programs. We encourage all students to continue building on that momentum by making reading a daily habit. Whether reading a novel, newspaper, magazine, or other age-appropriate materials, students strengthen their vocabulary, comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills every time they read.

Staying informed and connected also contributes to a successful school experience. Families are encouraged to utilize the district app and school websites for convenient access to calendars, announcements, news, lunch menus, and other important information throughout the year. Open communication between home and school helps ensure that students receive the support they need to thrive.

Finally, maintaining safe and welcoming learning environments requires the commitment of all of us. School safety remains our highest priority, and we encourage students and families to speak up if they see something concerning. By working together, we can continue to foster school communities where every student feels secure, respected, supported, and ready to learn.

As we move into the 2026–2027 school year, let us build upon the momentum of our recent successes while continuing to strive for even greater achievement. Together, we can ensure that every student experiences academic growth, develops meaningful relationships, and feels valued as a member of our school community.

I am excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring. Thank you for your continued support of Monroe County School District. By working together, we will continue our tradition of excellence and make this school year a memorable one for every student.

With pride and excitement,

Edward Tierney
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Monroe County School District