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**September 1, 2022**

**Good afternoon, POB Families,**

It is hard to believe that summer 2022 is coming to a close. I hope your children are looking forward to the return to school tomorrow. Some of our children cannot wait to return and catch-up with their friends and see who their new teachers are; and others may be nervous about their return. We are ready for all students to return, and we will provide the support needed for those who are more nervous about returning.

At last night's Board of Education meeting, we reflected on the 2021-22 school year, the challenges and the successes. This past week, our administrative team engaged in professional development about teaching and learning, and representatives from the District's stakeholder groups (BOE, PTA, PCT, Teamsters, Administrators) enjoyed a leadership workshop. The one palpable feeling during last week was enthusiasm—we are all ready to make the 2022-23 school year one that lives the theme, *Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts*.

Last year, discussions about what worked better as a virtual event and what is better in-person resulted in a decision to host Back-to-School Night as a virtual event. After careful consideration, the District has decided that *Back-to-School Night will be in-person for grades K-8*. We will keep POBJFKHS' Back-to-School Night as a virtual event as this appears to be more convenient for parents and there are many events at POBJFKHS that bring parents to the school building.

For those who may not be aware, the Free Lunch for All program has ended. Please use [this link](#) to access information about the lunch program, and submit an application for Free or Reduced meals should you qualify. This site also contains the school lunch menus and the sign-up for My School Bucks.

Wishing your family an enjoyable first day of school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara

Superintendent of Schools

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