

August 17, 2018

Dear Wilmington Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year!

I am thrilled to be in Wilmington and honored to join your educational community as your new Superintendent.

As I laid out in my entry plan, which I shared with the School Committee in June, I am committed to embarking upon a journey over the next few months that will afford me the opportunity to learn from the many individuals and groups that, together, represent the Wilmington community. This effort will include learning more from our students, parents/guardians, staff, School Committee members, residents and local town leaders.

During my short time here I have already had the privilege to speak to many individuals and I have been truly impressed by the obvious passion, commitment and support of our school system that seems to be everywhere throughout the town. As I shared with our staff in a letter, also going out to them this week, it is clear to me that *everyone* is rooting for our success!

I am also aware that, as a community, you have endured some unfortunate hardships throughout the last few years. However, there seems to be a strong desire to move the school system forward and I want you to know that this is exactly what I intend to do. Each day that passes is one less that we have with the students in our care and, thus, there is urgency to begin charting our path together. To that end, I can assure you that it is my intention to work closely with our staff, parents/guardians and community members over the course of this year to establish our immediate and longer term priorities that will provide the best possible educational experience we can for the young people of Wilmington.

I am pleased to be able to share with you two opportunities that will be greatly helpful in my efforts to gather the perspectives of our parent/guardian community, that will help inform our path forward:

### ***Parent/Guardian Survey***

I welcome you to provide me with written feedback through an online survey that can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJR7378>

The survey is intentionally brief and responses are anonymous. Responses will be tabulated and shared as part of my report to the School Committee that will occur later in the fall or early winter. The survey will be open until ***Sunday, September 9.***

### ***Community Forums***

I would like to invite you to attend one of four meetings in the early fall that have been scheduled in various parts of the district. Please note that *anyone* is welcome to attend these meetings and you do not have to have a child enrolled specifically in one of the schools where the meetings are being held.

These forums are intended to be informal opportunities for me to meet members of our community and learn more about our community's perspectives regarding the school system and its future.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
October 1, 2018	9:30am	Woburn St. School Cafeteria
October 3, 2018	6:30pm	High School Large Group Instruction Room
October 16, 2018	6:30pm	Shawsheen Cafeteria
October 25, 2018	6:30pm	Middle School Auditorium

Finally, I also want you to know that I have already heard, loud and clear, that there is a strong desire for greater communication from my office to the community. As someone who believes in the critical importance of communication to *all* stakeholders, I see this as an important opportunity for me to build these channels to facilitate greater insight into the ongoing work of the district. As one beginning step, I invite you to follow me on Twitter [@SuperWPS](#) for periodic updates (and, yes, instant insight into school closings or delays!)

I want to wish you and your family all the best as you enjoy the final few weeks of summer and prepare for the start of another school year. I look forward to hearing from you soon through the aforementioned survey and hopefully meeting you at one of the upcoming community forums

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Yours in education,

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Superintendent of Schools