



August 14, 2018

Dear Colleague,

I hope you had an opportunity to relax and spend some quality time with your loved ones, family, and friends. I am certain that this communication is a reminder that the start of the 2018-19 school year is a short time away. Therefore, it is essential that the remaining portion of your time off be utilized to participate in activities that are fulfilling to you.

I am excited to begin the 2018-19 school year as we have many reasons to look forward to a productive and successful year. We have been able to provide wage increases to teachers, educational support group professionals, secretaries and administrators. We have instituted a daily prep period for our elementary division teachers that will allow for more planning and collaboration time. A STEM focus has been added to our AMPES rotation in the elementary division, in an effort to begin providing a foundation for our students to begin to explore project based learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Lastly, we are exploring options for a new curriculum in Saginaw Public Schools that will provide the necessary rigor, alignment, and pacing for us to continue to increase student achievement.

As the Interim Superintendent, I could not be more proud of Saginaw Public Schools for what we have been able to accomplish thus far. As a staff, you continue to demonstrate a sense of resiliency and passion to educate children at a high level of excellence, despite being presented with challenges. Consequently, children will return to our schools and experience learning at high levels, a safe and nurturing environment, and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of enriching activities. Please know that because of your professionalism, you will have a profound impact on the positive development of students for years to come. To that end, please see the Calendar Items below:

- **Wednesday, August 29, 2018 – First Teacher Duty Day in Buildings**
- **Thursday, August 30, 2018 – General Opening Session**  
(Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.)  
(The doors will open at 7:30 a.m.-Continental Breakfast will be provided)
- **Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – First Day of School for Students**

We look forward to your return and starting another great year.

Sincerely,

Ramont M. Roberts, Ph.D.

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