August 5, 2019

Dear Families;

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year for Saginaw Public Schools. Once again, I am excited to begin this school year as we will be rolling some new initiatives that will undoubtedly enhance the educational experiences of our students.

As we do every summer, we have been working hard at an implementation plan for the new initiatives. There will be a new curriculum for Math and English K-12 that will start this fall. Teachers have gone through intensive training to be prepared to deliver the curriculum with a high level of effectiveness. We are confident that this curriculum will provide the necessary rigor and resources that will enable us to continue to increase student achievement and to ensure that our students are college and/or career ready. Secondly, through our partnership with the Saginaw Intermediate School District and the passing of the county wide Career and Technical Education (CTE) millage, we have added Cyber Security and Advanced Manufacturing as two new programs at the Saginaw Career Complex. These programs will also increase our ability to prepare students to be career ready. Thirdly, we will begin phase 1 of the Chromebook refresher that will provide a new computer for every student in the Saginaw Public Schools. Finally, we will begin the process for a new 5-Year strategic/transformation plan for the Saginaw Public Schools. This plan will be the mechanism that transforms Saginaw Public schools into the premier school system designed to meet the needs of all students in the region and ensure that each student is prepared to pursue any post-secondary path that he/she chooses. There will be sessions for students, staff, administrators and community members. Parents will have an opportunity to be a part of the community member sessions. Through hard work, communication and collaboration, we will continue to make Saginaw Public Schools one the best school systems in the country, continuing to increase achievement scores, college acceptance rates and graduation rates.

Our collective efforts and relentless consistency will continue to assist in advancing our school district and community. We will continue to strive to provide the strongest educational program possible, and create consistent opportunities for our students to learn and grow in an environment which is safe, orderly and respectful to the individual child.

Thank you for taking the time to support our students and the school district. If you need assistance in any area, I encourage you to contact any member of our staff. We are eager to provide you with any information and or support which can enhance the educational experience of your child.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Sincerely,

Ramont M. Roberts, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools