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To the Families of Sussex-Wantage,

Hopefully you and the members of your family are enjoying the summer months. The District has been busy preparing for the opening day of school on September 6, 2018.

It is an amazing time to be part of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District with initiatives in STEAM, 1:1 Chromebooks, Reading and Writing Workshop, and data driven intervention already underway! The expertise of our faculty and staff coupled with several innovations promise to further improve upon our academic achievement, safety, and overall climate. We have a renewed focus on building relationships through collaboration with our parents, faculty, staff, and community to provide students with the tools necessary to be successful in school and in life.

After a thoughtful and comprehensive selection process that engaged our stakeholders, we will be embracing a new series this year called Big Ideas Math. This series represents a reinvestment in math materials and instruction while spanning grades K-8. Our middle school program continues to be at the cutting edge of instruction offering students courses in robotics, novel/comic book design, and forensics! Additionally, we have revised our criteria for entry and exit into our Tier 2 and Tier 3 Title I programs, with a focus on parent communication and collaboration. We have adopted a data and analytics tool called Otus. Otus, combined with faculty experience will build upon our ability to collect and manage student data from multiple sources with the goal of personalizing student learning and maximizing their achievement.

Over the summer, we have also been improving aspects of our facilities. There have been several projects underway including the installation of new auditorium seating and flooring, gymnasium flooring, and interior bleachers at Sussex Middle School. In addition, recognizing that our students' safety and well being is our top priority, we continue to have security guards throughout our schools. We have also welcomed a new Wantage School Principal, Mr. Christopher Gregory, and new Sussex Middle School Vice Principal, Mr. Michael Linskey to the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District.

We look forward to seeing our students on the first day of school which is Thursday, September 6th.

I join the members of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education and the entire school community in wishing your family a successful school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Michael Gall
Superintendent