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Dear Roseville Families,

The school year is already upon us. Maybe the summer has gone by so fast because so much has happened over the summer this year. We held our Extended Year Elementary Program, S.T.E.M. Camp, Credit Recovery, and the Math and Language Arts Camps. We also held our Kinder Connect and First Fundamentals programs for our youngest learners. During this busy summer, the district has been planning some changes for this school year.

One change is **the first day of school will be a half day on Wednesday, September 6th**, instead of the traditional Tuesday start. It is important that your child attends this day. It is the first time they will meet their teacher(s) and fellow classmates, so please make every effort to attend.

Speaking of attendance, our district has created a focus group which has been working on improving attendance. The number of students in our district who are chronically absent (over 17 days) is over double the national average. Each day a student misses school increases their chances of failing a course and ultimately not receiving a diploma. If a student misses two (2) days per month, it adds up to 20 days per year. That equates to an astounding 30 hours of math and reading. Missing school can actually increase a child's anxiety as well. When they return to school, they have to make up for lost learning, and keep up with new lessons presented the day they return.

Yes, we do understand that a child may get sick and cannot attend school. This is why we want them to make healthy decisions – eat right, drink water, and get a good night's rest. These are all very important to their health and their performance at school.

Another change this year is that our Great Start Readiness Program is expanding to five (5) days a week. This will help our students be better prepared for kindergarten the following year. Our GSRP program is outstanding, so if you know of a family with a 4-year-old, please have them reach out to us. We expect our limited seats to fill up fast.

One thing that has not changed this year is that we look forward to seeing our students and families in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Blaszkowski, Superintendent
Roseville Community Schools

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