

On Tuesday, September 1, it was a pleasure to welcome back over 1,200 students in person and another 600 which we will be serving in a virtual environment. Our staff has done a tremendous job preparing for the start of the new school year. Their attention to detail was evident with the seamless beginning we experienced.

There are so many individuals who deserve a shout out for their efforts these past several months. Our administrative team's tireless efforts and commitment to reopening schools was second to none. Our School Board was tasked with incredibly difficult decisions that they spent hours discussing and gathering information. Our custodial staff and maintenance team did a tremendous job preparing our campus and moving more than 60 classrooms as a result of the construction work. The teachers and educational support professionals partnered to determine all the logistics in preparation for a smooth beginning. Our office staff served families throughout the spring and summer as we all navigated the uncertainty COVID has brought. Our technology team was relentless in monitoring the new construction and installation of 75 new SMART Boards, hundreds of chromebooks, and setting up a new upgraded network. Go Riteway staff did a wonderful job preparing for the first day of school with many new protocols to follow. Taher, staff moved into their new kitchens and have done a wonderful job preparing meals with our new safety procedures and cohorting of students. Our parents and students have been patient and understanding as we navigate the beginning of the school year with new safety precautions and procedures. To all these individuals, I owe a debt of gratitude.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, several procedures have been put in place which include:

- Requiring the wearing of masks
- Temperature checks when entering the schools
- Smaller class sizes and modified schedules
- Cohorting of students
- Daily sanitizing, disinfecting, and cleaning protocols
- Assigned seats on the bus
- Children are required to use hand sanitizer before getting on the bus, a station has been mounted on the stairway going into the bus.
- No visitors

Construction is complete and the buildings look great. Team Cullen and Team Bray partnered with our staff to complete the project in a timely manner and within budget. All spaces at Community Elementary School have been renovated and a 46,000 square foot addition provides new flexible learning spaces. The high school has a whole new look with a new commons and cafeteria, renovated library and classrooms, larger band and choir rooms, and new offices for the counseling department and administration. We look forward to having a community open house later this school year.

I am excited to begin the 2020/21 school year! It is wonderful to have students and staff back on campus. It's going to be an awesome school year!

It is a privilege to serve as the District Administrator in the Edgerton School District.

Dr. Dennis Pauli

District Administrator