



# School District of Altoona

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Dear Fellow Staff Members,

I toyed with the idea of using envelopes with logos from the Wisconsin Lottery Prize Distribution Center to maximize the excitement as you opened this year's "Back to School Letter." Sometimes you have to just sit back and enjoy the realization that something great is about to happen. That something is the new school year!

It was a great summer to enjoy family, relax and prepare for the new school year. We also realize that during this same period of time some of us have struggled with health issues and others have suffered profound loss. It is heartwarming to see that the relationships you, as coworkers, have developed and turned into deep friendships. Your support to those in need and those grieving, though very personal, exemplifies the love and compassion you have as educators and people. It makes me proud of you as I'm just getting to know you!

When people ask me what it is that I'd like to see us accomplish this short time while I am your interim superintendent I tell them my theme for the year: Moving Forward with the Focus on Our Students. When asked why I chose that theme, I respond, "Because our kids are watching." I invite you to adopt this theme for the year as well. When talking about our school to community members and others who don't work for the school, try to tell a simple story of success you have witnessed. It helps to personalize it if it is a story about a student who has overcome obstacles. What will your positive Altoona story be?

We will be developing the story of Altoona's 2018-2019 school year as we roll along. Soon we'll be welcoming each other back for another exciting school year. Hopefully your time away from work has been an opportunity to, in effect, clean the lens through which you view the world and work; to change or clarify how you see things. I love the poetry in Natasha Bedingfield's song *Unwritten*. As the song says, "Live your life with eyes wide open." Let's not live our lives as if they were written in a book and then just follow the script. Each day remember that, "Today is where your book begins. The rest is still unwritten."

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Walsh  
Interim Superintendent

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# Back to School Inservice Schedule - August 27-30, 2018

Daily Schedule: 7:45-3:30 Lunch: 11:30-12:30



## Monday, August 27:

*Work in your rooms*

## Tuesday, August 28:

**7:45 am**

### All Staff Breakfast

@ HS Commons

**8:30 am**

### All Staff Meeting

Welcome, Introductions,  
Standards of Excellence,  
Training (Part 1):

Chemical Hazards, Mandated Reporting,  
Bloodborne Pathogens

@ HS Auditorium

(2018 All Staff Photo to follow)

**11:30 am**

### All Staff Luncheon

@ HS Commons

**12:45 pm**

### All Staff Training (Part 2)

De-escalation, ALICE Training

@ HS Auditorium

## Wednesday, August 29:

### **Building Level Meetings**

**8:00 am**

Special Education Teachers & Para's

**9:15 am**

Middle School @ MS LMC

Elementary School @ ES LMC

**11:30 am-12:30 pm**

Lunch on your own

**12:30 pm**

Intermediate School @ iZone

High School @ HS LMC

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**5:30-7:00 pm**

*You're invited: Ice Cream Social*

@ River Prairie with The Thundermen!



## Thursday, August 30:

### **Curriculum & ALICE Scenarios**

(Details to follow)

Teacher contracted days include 1 "prep day" worked between 8/13-8/26.

Please use unscheduled time to work in your rooms.

*(Schedule may be subject to change)*