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Dear Students, Families, Staff, & Community Members,

We are three weeks away from the first day of school for students, which is Monday, August 28th. The 2023-2024 school calendar is posted on our district website for students and parents to plan accordingly for the upcoming school year.

I want to thank the staff and community for being so welcoming going into my first year with the district. The Board of Education, staff and I are strongly committed to providing educational opportunities to your children, Preschool-12th grade, so they are prepared to be successful at their next grade level and for our senior class the next chapter in their lives after they graduate from St. Johns Public Schools.

As a district our motto for this school year is: "Who I am, who you are, who we are *together!*". That motto encompasses many factors so let me start by saying, building relationships with our students, staff, and families is essential for the success of our district. Second, providing the best education for your children is a partnership between our children, families, and staff, which means we must communicate the positives and challenges to better serve our students. Lastly, it is our mission as a district to highlight the great achievements our students and staff accomplish throughout the school year. We will be using our district website and other various social media platforms to do as such. We want our community to know what makes St. Johns Public Schools a destination school for our families!

To reiterate, the staff and I are strongly committed to doing our part. Some of our most important goals are to provide an educational environment necessary for student achievement both in and outside of the classroom, to ensure a positive and safe climate/culture in our buildings, and to increase communication with parents and community members. Your input is always welcome and valuable to the success of our students and schools.

I am honored to serve St. Johns Public Schools and the community as your Superintendent. Thank you in advance for your continued support and dedication toward our students and school district. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful 2023-2024 school year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Berthiaume, Ph.D.

Superintendent