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Dear Faculty and Staff,

Welcome back to the Seymour Public School District and to the start of the 2022-2023 school year! I truly hope this summer was a happy and productive one, providing you an opportunity to recharge and energize yourself for the start of a new school year. As we know, teaching is a noble profession and a career where we are able to change the world one child at a time, positively impacting the future of our Seymour community every day. You should be proud of your efforts and your chosen calling and what you accomplish on a daily basis.

As we know, while summer is a relaxing time for most, it is also a time for a lot of hard work to get things prepared for the upcoming school year. We want to thank our wonderful custodial staff for their hard work throughout the summer. We appreciate their commitment and dedication in getting our facilities pristine for the start of school. If you see any of them as you pass through the buildings, please thank them for the hard work they do. Another group to thank is your administrators, secretaries, administrative assistants, and the central office team, who have been working through the summer as well; registering new students, preparing correspondence to parents, and making certain schedules and supplies are ready for the opening school day for students on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Please, join us on Monday, August 29, 2022 and Tuesday, August 30, 2022 for two amazing days of professional development beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending at 3:00 P.M. on both days. Please note that on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our convocation followed by building based time, immediately. Remember, that all staff in the district should plan on attending the full day on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and we will be in the middle school auditorium promptly at 8:00 A.M. and then proceed to the building meetings at around 10:15. We will be hearing a motivational address, given by our exemplary teacher of the year, Mrs. Mallory Knutson. Also, the professional development sessions have been well planned by Mrs. Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent and the administrators for your individual buildings.

## **Agenda for Monday, August 29, 2022:**

7:15-7:55-Registration, coffee, and treats

8:00-Welcome

8:05-Introduction of Board of Education Members and Special Guests

8:10-Introduction of administration

8:15-Introduction of new staff (done by administrators)

- Seymour High School
- Seymour Middle School
- Chatfield-Lo Presti Elementary
- Bungay Elementary

8:35-Introduction of the Teacher of the Year

8:40-Motivational Address-Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Mallory Knutson

8:55-Seymour Educator Association-Meagan Krushinski

9:00-Convocation Message-Superintendent of Schools-Dr. Susan Compton

9:10-School Safety Updates-Director of Security, Rich Kearns and Chief of Police, John Bucherati

9:20-Professional Development Sessions-Updates, Mrs. Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent  
9:25-Closing Remarks and Dismiss to Buildings-Dr. Susan Compton  
9:30-Travel time to buildings-break and breakfast provided at each building  
10:15-12:00-Building meetings  
12:00-12:45-Lunch (provided by buildings)  
12:45-3:00-Building based meetings (afternoon cookies and water provided)

**August 30, 2022 Professional Learning Agenda-at your individual buildings**

8:00-10:00-Pacing Guides-Discussion  
10:15-12:15-Data Review  
12:15-1:00-Lunch  
1:00-1:30-Overview of designing collaborative inquiry time (CIT)  
1:30-3:00-Drafting CIT and time in classrooms to prepare

In closing, I look forward to my second year with you and beginning the 2022-2023 school year together. I remain humbled and honored to work with such an awesome group of professionals in the Seymour Public Schools.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Susan Compton  
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