Dear Randolph County School System Students, Staff Members, and Parents:

The start of the 2016-2017 school year is just around the corner. Thus, I want to “welcome everyone back” to the Randolph County School System for another exciting school year. My level of anticipation and excitement for the great opportunities awaiting our students, staff members, parents, and members of the surrounding community associated with the 31 schools throughout our school system continues to increase with each passing day. As with previous school years, the school system will continue to work to increase access to instruction for students, at school and away from campus, through the acquisition of digital resources for our schools during the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, efforts to address the individual instructional needs of our students at all levels of academic performance will remain a priority.

Another important item to remember is the “lighthouse” used to guide our school system’s actions and plans in all areas: “Goal 2019.” A video with additional feedback pertaining to its components, as well as “Goal 2019,” can be accessed on our school system’s webpage at www.randolph.k12.nc.us. The opportunities that our school system’s pursuit of this goal will provide for our students while in grades K-12, as well as the years after high school graduation, will be special.

The school system’s “9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan” is another area of excitement. More specifically, the school system has received an additional $750,000 of annual “capital outlay funding” since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. This high level of support by the County Commissioners will result in the completion of numerous facility improvement projects over the coming years at our schools to maintain appropriate learning environments for our students. In fact, numerous projects throughout our school system already have been completed during the past two school years such as new bleachers on the visitors’ side of the football stadium at Eastern Randolph High, a new cooking lab at Randleman High, a new parking lot entrance at Archdale-Trinity Middle, the replacement of a section of the roof at Seagrove Elementary, and the replacement of doors at Franklinville Elementary. The entire “9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan,” as well as the progress on different projects per year, can be accessed on our school system’s webpage at www.randolph.k12.nc.us.

In closing, it is my hope that the 2016-2017 school year is a positive experience for you. As a school system, it is our goal to continually improve in the future. It also is important for our students to enjoy their time in our school system and leave with multiple options for their future. In addition, I want to “thank” our staff members, parents, and community members for the tremendous level of support for the school system over the years. Without a doubt, it is a great time to be a part of this special school system, the Randolph County School System!

Respectfully,

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