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

I want to “welcome everyone back” to the Randolph County School System for the 2015-2016 school year. As superintendent, please know that I am very excited about the future of our school system regarding the opportunities for students, staff members, parents, and the larger community. Numerous exciting initiatives currently are underway such as our work to increase access to instruction for students, at school and away from campus, through the acquisition of digital resources for our schools. Also, our school system continues to search for ways to meet the individual instructional needs of our students at all levels of academic performance.

Another important item to note is “Goal 2019.” It will serve as a “lighthouse” to guide our school system’s actions and plans in all areas over the next few years. I have a high level of anticipation in terms of 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. “Goal 2019,” as well as a video with additional feedback pertaining to its components, can be accessed on our school system’s webpage at www.randolph.k12.nc.us.

I also have been pleased to watch the school system’s “9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan” become a reality. In fact, during the past two years, our county commissioners have provided an additional $750,000 of “capital outlay funding” for our school system to fully fund this plan. As a result of their support, numerous projects throughout our school system will be completed during the life of this plan. In fact, the bleachers on the visitors’ side of the football stadium at Eastern Randolph High and the cooking lab at Randleman High currently are being replaced. The entire “9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan” can be accessed on our school system’s webpage at www.randolph.k12.nc.us.

Our school system’s partnership with Asheboro City Schools and Randolph Community College to make our “Pathways to Prosperity” program a reality for our students is another exciting development. This initiative will provide opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school and acquire credentials in the area of “Advanced Manufacturing.” It will be exciting to watch the future of this program unfold.

I hope the 2015-2016 school year is very enjoyable for you. Our goal as a school system is to continually improve. In addition, we want our students to enjoy their time in our school system and leave with multiple options for their future. Nonetheless, I can not overlook the great support provided for our school system by our staff members, parents, and community members. All of these groups are “special” to the school system and greatly appreciated. Without a doubt, it is a great time to be a part of this special school system, the Randolph County School System!

Respectfully,

Stephen Gainey
Superintendent