

## Office of the Superintendent



August 13, 2015

Greetings,

The time from when the last graduate walks across the stage to the first day of a new school year seems to go by quicker and quicker each year. However, before students return on September 8, I hope everyone will be able to enjoy a few more days with family, relaxing with friends, and maybe squeezing in one quick trip.

The start of a new school year is always exciting and, of course, the start of this school year is even more special for me as I begin as the new Superintendent. I am honored to have been selected by our Board of Education to lead the educational efforts in our community. At the same time, I am humbled when I consider I am only one of several thousand talented and hardworking staff members in our district who bring about student success in our classrooms. You can expect me to be an extremely dedicated Superintendent while settling for nothing short of excellence. The best interest of the students will be my number one priority.

Our district has been set on a very good path to success. My plan is to continue along that path, improve upon it, and bring about the changes necessary to make our district even better. I encourage everyone to check out my blog at <http://superintendent.dearbornschools.org> to read my 90-day plan.

Our school year begins on Monday, August 24, 2015 with the return of building administrators. All teachers return on September 2 to the following schedule: September 2 - All Teachers: Building Professional Development; September 3 - All Teachers: District Professional Development.

Non-instructional staff members were notified on July 21 regarding their return date. Should you have any questions, please call Human Resources at 827-3070. Students begin school the morning of September 8 for a half-day session followed by a Duty Day for teachers in the afternoon.

The All-Staff Picnic for Dearborn Public Schools' employees will be held at Ford Field (Monroe St. and Mason St.) on September 2 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy all-beef hot dogs, burgers (vegetarian and halal hamburgers), pasta salad, coleslaw, chips, ice cream, and beverages. At the picnic, we have invited our benefits providers and tax-sheltered annuity companies to provide and display information about their company, benefits, and investment products. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to visit one or more of these companies as you plan for your financial future.

As always, our focus will remain on student achievement and meeting the educational needs of all children. At the top of the list for achieving this goal will be establishing a constant and consistent feeder-track dialogue between our elementary, middle, and high schools. Considering the ever-growing number of educational options available to our students, we will work together this year to identify and create a customer service model that will keep our district competitive and students returning. We will also look at improving communications with our student's parents and community by increasing the use of blogs by central office, schools, and staff.

Each and every staff member, whether you work in a classroom, cafeteria, office or on a bus, plays a critical role in educating the students in our schools. At times it can seem overwhelming and difficult but it is also extremely rewarding when you see a student succeed, accomplish a goal, and move to that next level. There is no other profession in the world that offers that feeling. I look forward to working with all of you this year, accomplishing our goals, and building a great school district for all children. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Maleyko".

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