



# Stafford Public Schools

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Stafford Public Schools Staff:

I hope that you took some time to refresh and rejuvenate this summer, and you are excited to join me in welcoming each other back to the district for the 2023-2024 school year. Last spring's budget process was long and arduous, resulting in the district losing a number of talented and dedicated staff members. I appreciate your support and know that together we can move forward, remain committed to the district's vision of continual growth, and collaboratively work to inspire all Stafford youth to reach their full potential.

This has been a very active summer! Through ARPA funding, the Town of Stafford completed the paving of Levinthal Run and the Stafford Middle School parking lot. While significant rains in July delayed the Stafford Middle School roof replacement project, it is full-speed ahead and will largely be complete prior to the start of the school year. At Stafford Elementary School, the revitalization of the playground is entering its final stage with an additional playscape anticipated to be installed this fall in the fence area outside the cafeteria being. The parking lot peninsulas have been removed and additional parking spaces have been added. I would like to thank Rob Butler III, Director of School Facilities, and his staff for their efforts during this busy time. The administration and Central Office staff have hired a number of staff members to join our school community; please join me in welcoming all of our new staff. I am confident they will find the Stafford Public Schools community to be warm, welcoming, and committed to preparing our students to be successful and respectful citizens.

On Monday, August 21, 2023, the district will come together at our annual Convocation. This year, we will continue with the traditional program at Stafford High School, including a hot breakfast. The day's events will include welcoming celebrations and speeches from various dignitaries, as well as engagement activities! In addition to this letter, the welcome back email contains other informative materials, such as the schedule of events for Convocation and the following three days of professional development, the pay schedule, the school calendar, and updated school hours that were revised to reflect a common early release time. This information can also be found on the district website at [www.stafford.k12.ct.us](http://www.stafford.k12.ct.us) under the link titled "For Staff". The Mandated Training Google Classroom is accessible to staff members who wish to begin completing the modules. An early release day is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023, to provide staff time to complete mandated training. Staff members who complete the modules prior to Thursday, August 31, 2023, will be allowed to work in their classroom or on other tasks during the early release day.

I hope everyone enjoys the final days of summer as we make final preparations for the staff and students to return to the buildings. I am continually grateful for the hard work, dedication, and commitment exhibited by our staff, and I look forward to working together with you to provide a rewarding experience for our students and families.

Sincerely,

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