



Wilkinsburg School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope that you had a wonderful summer and we look forward to having your children back in our classrooms. Since school let out, we have been seriously planning for the new school year and I am thrilled to say that we have many great things in store for you and our students.

First, I want to thank all the parents who attended the Parent Meetings held in March, 2018 on the District Reconfiguration. They were well attended and I was to address many of the questions and concerns.

Wilkinsburg is **Bouncing Back!** We believe that **Every Child Every Day Matters** in our schools. We are committed to providing our students with a quality educational experience that is rich in rigor, challenging and exciting central to our vision **"to develop and maintain a learning experience that creates a community of self-aware learners that are college and career ready to be productive members of society."** We have reconfigured the district into Kelly Primary School for grades Pre K -2 and Turner Intermediate School for grades 3-6 to create better environments-academically, socially and emotionally for our students to learn and grow.

We have accomplished so much in the past year that we plan to continue and to expand this year such as our STEAM Program, our After School Dinner Program and our Music Program. I am thrilled to say by reconfiguring our schools, we are able to continue to improve our school district and have more great things in store for you and our students such as:

- Additional K and Pre K Classes
- Balance in the size of each school
- Small class sizes
- More wrap around services
- Additional course programming such as band, chorus and foreign language
- District transportation

At the heart of our improvements are our strong ties and partnerships with the community. Our partnership with residents and local businesses is growing. Last year, we were able to bring additional revenue to the district in grant funds and in-kind support and are in conversations daily with other potential partners who have contacted **us** with the hopes of seeking ways to collaborate and support our efforts.

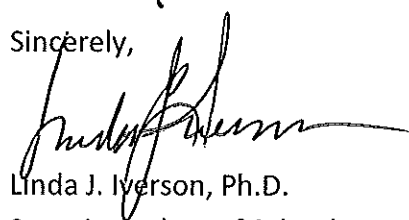
We have hired seven new teachers for our Pre K, K, Grade One, Emotional Support and Autistic Support classes. We had a very strong pool of applicants from which to choose and could afford to be very selective to ensure that we hired the most qualified candidates for our students. I know that you will assist them in every way possible to transition smoothly into the district and school.

Our Annual **Back to School Night** is planned for **August 23, 2018** from **3:00-7:00 p.m.** in the parking lot next to the Central Administration Building. I hope that you are able to attend. There will be food, refreshments, registration opportunities and free giveaways including:

- Backpacks
- School supplies
- School district t-shirts

Thank you very much and we hope that you can join us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Iverson", written over a horizontal line.

Linda J. Iverson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools