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HCS Families,

Wednesday, August 4 is the big day, the 1st Day of School for Henry County Schools! I am sure you are just as excited as I am to get this school year started. There are so many reasons I am looking forward to the 1st day, but at the top of that list is you.

From our Board of Education to our school leaders, classroom teachers, and support staff members, we are ready to welcome everyone back. I sure hope you know that you belong here, you are loved here, and you'll have the best year ever in Henry County Schools.

We never take lightly the responsibility we have or the trust you have placed in our district to keep your children safe and healthy and provide the highest quality education to support their growth and development. It is why we chose this profession. It is our calling. And we are ready to help your children achieve at the highest levels in this new school year.

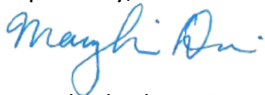
I want to take a moment and provide you with some reminders and reassurances as you prepare your family for tomorrow's big start:

- **Commitment to Health and Safety of Everyone** – We know the pandemic is still present in our world, nation, state, and community. Our commitment to Keeping Henry Healthy in this new school year will be to:
 - Strongly recommend mask wearing. While still optional on campuses, like the CDC, we strongly recommend the wearing of a mask as an added layer of prevention.
 - Keep you informed of any positive COVID-19 cases on our campuses and update our tracker of health metrics on our district website.
 - Continue our stringent mitigation efforts on all campuses. You can find our updated COVID-19 Playbook and Continuum of Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies on the homepage of our website.
- **Hustle and Bustle of Buses is Back** – We also want to remind our bus riders and all school families that the start of school brings extra traffic on our roads which can slow down and delay our normal bus route delivery times. We ask for your patience as we work to improve the routes and traffic patterns normalize once the school year gets underway. Our first priority is the safe transport of your children to and from school, and we are committed to that safety each and every day. A couple of key resources for a successful bus ride this year include:
 - Here Comes the Bus app/website – www.HereComesTheBus.com
 - Transportation Bus Stops and Times - <https://bit.ly/BusStopLocationTime>

- Questions about the app, bus routes, or other items? You can reach a member of the team by calling 770-957-2025 or find an email address of a route supervisor here: <https://bit.ly/HCSTransportationStaff>
- Message from our Transportation Executive Director Cliff Shearouse – [Click here](#)
[View this brief message from Superintendent Davis about transportation this year.](#)
- **Keep Your Contact Information Up-To-Date** – Our connection to you is our ability to stay in touch with you through regular communication. We ask that you please keep your contact information updated in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal so that all timely communication makes its way to you.

Thank you again for your trust and support, and I look forward to the opportunity to stay in touch and do all we can together to make this the best year ever for you and your family!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Elizabeth Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "D".

Mary Elizabeth Davis