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July 27, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome you back for another incredible year here at Cloudcroft Municipal Schools! We take so much pride in the fact that our schools are among the finest in the state, and we are committed to providing your student with an exceptional education in a safe and nurturing environment.

This summer, Cloudcroft teachers and staff have taken the opportunity to refresh their own learning and create new ideas to update their teaching and their curriculum. The district's leadership team took time to focus on strategic planning and develop priorities and goals which we believe will make your child's overall school experience even better!

**Cloudcroft Municipal Schools  
Priorities/Goals  
2019-2020**

- Increase Community Engagement
- Increase Career Tech Education Programs
  - Improve School Climate
- Improve Building Maintenance/Security
- Provide Safe Schools for Students/Staff

While maintaining the initiatives already in place - teaching and learning - this year, we will also focus on expanding school counseling and school safety.

To that end, we welcome two new counselors this year: Felicity Lynchard K-8, and Melissa Adkins 9-12. They are committed to your child's social-emotional learning and helping to develop the traits that comprise "healthy learners". Our schools and programs are designed and built for your kids. We want it to feel that way when your children walk through these doors.

Another very important aspect to us is our students' safety while at school. We have been doing much work toward updating the district's Safe School Plan, expanding our collaboration with local police and fire departments, and implementing an emergency preparedness plan to ensure students have the training to work with teachers, staff and classmates to increase their safety in the unlikely event of an attack. The district has partnered with ALICE - an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. No one wants to find themselves in the presence of danger whether at school or the movies or the mall. However, we all want our children to be equipped to have the best chance of survival. This is why we are improving your child's preparedness through the leading and most effective training.

As we get ready for a new school year, I want to draw your attention to the importance of school attendance. Did you know that absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year? Did you know poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade? Did you know that by 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school? Finally, did you know that research shows missing 10% of the school year negatively affects a student's academic performance? That's just about two days per month!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success – both in school and in life. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** When you help us make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school ready to successfully meet all the challenges life may have in store for them! Please help us, help your child to make daily school attendance a priority! Thank you!

Finally, there are lots of outstanding things happening at our schools so be sure to check out our school website, keep an eye on your mail and email, listen to those robo calls, and watch for flyers and other materials that will be sent home with your students the first few weeks of school to let you know about many of these exciting events! You can also check us out on Facebook - which is linked from our web page.

Clearly, it is a year of great promise! We know that we have work to do, work that will require commitment, focus and collaboration between all of us. I look forward to a year filled with stories of great success for your students and great learning.

I am proud to be your Superintendent of Schools and will work tirelessly to make sure our strong spirit continues to thrive in Cloudcroft! We are all so very proud to be CLOUDCROFT BEARS!

Sincerely,

Tana Daugherty  
Superintendent  
Cloudcroft Municipal Schools