

## Welcome Back to School Video Transcript

Hello, everyone. This is Dr. Robert Kobylski, and it brings me great pleasure to say welcome back to the new school year.

I know our staff is eager to see students, and we're very excited about the opportunities that lie ahead of us as we begin a brand-new school year. It was just about a year ago that I became the superintendent of this district and introduced myself to you and the community for the very first time. And we spent the last year together, and quite the journey it has been.

Many successes along the way, both with our students and staff and the community, but as you know, there have always been challenges throughout the year, especially towards the end of last year with the virus.

However, the first thing I need to say, and I think this is very important, is I need to say thank you to all of the families and students out there. Your patience with us as a school system, as we essentially remade our entire school system from the ground up, has been very much appreciated. Our teachers, and all of our staff members, have worked very diligently to make sure that we provide every student in this community an opportunity to receive a top drawer education that exceeds your expectations, and based upon the work from last spring and this summer, I have utmost confidence that we will again exceed your expectations for education as we start a new school year.

The other factor that I know is on everyone's mind is health and safety, and as an educational system, we spent a great deal of energy and attention and money, quite frankly, making sure that we had safety protocols in place in all of our schools, all of our classrooms, and you'll see those, they'll be quite evident to you when you come into our buildings, and the processes that we've put in place are all designed to keep staff and students safe so that they can focus on their education.

So please, you have my word that we will do everything possible to keep everyone safe and healthy as the year progresses. Moving forward, we have new instructional models, we have an online only program, which many of our families have decided to engage in.

We also have the hybrid model, which is going to be a new experience for all of our students, whichever model they have decided upon. But we're excited that both of those models will be



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excellent instructional delivery opportunities, and I know our teachers have worked very hard to make this, again, a very productive and fulfilling year.

So my goal is to get into schools, and meet with teachers, and meet with students, and I really hope that someday soon we have an opportunity where we can engage in interaction where I can see you face to face, and we have an opportunity to have those more intimate discussions.

So again, I wish all of you a productive and fulfilling school year, and as always, be well.

