

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Spruce Mountain School District Employees:

Well here we go again, another school year is on the verge of beginning, and my big question is, am I ready? Summer seems to have been way too short, and I'm finally writing down a list of questions I need to have answered before the school year starts, a "To Do List" if you will. Here is what I'm asking myself, perhaps you could ask yourself similar questions, to determine your preparedness for the coming school year: Did I take enough time to relax over the summer break? Did I enjoy my family, friends and pets? Is my tan good enough to make my colleagues believe my summer travel plans included the Caribbean? Have I bought my principal(s) a welcome back gift? Or have I told my principal(s) what I want for a welcome back gift? Have I ordered my supplies, books, and materials? Have I connected with my (new and old) professional colleagues, in order to have a united and supportive working environment for the coming school year? Have I reminded myself about how rewarding working with our student population is? So many questions, so little time! Good luck with developing your own "To Do List!"

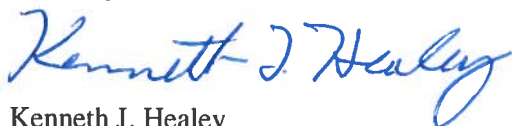
Late start Wednesdays will continue to be the primary means to accomplish school district initiatives; like curriculum development, teacher and administrative evaluation implementation, performance based diplomas, and building level initiatives.

Now that every educational professional is under the Spruce Mountain umbrella, there without a doubt will be some adjustments needed to fine-tune the elementary reconfiguration plan. I know there will be bumps along the way but be reassured I have very realistic expectations for the coming school year and perfection is not one of them.

I ask that everyone commit themselves to; do their best, work collaboratively, be open to doing things a different way, make adjustments when they do not go well, and ensure your student's educational interest is always your top priority. I believe if we can do these things well, we can and will have both a successful and rewarding school year.

I am excited about the coming school year and I hope that all of you are also. August 29th will be here before you know it, so enjoy what's left of your summer break. See you soon!

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools