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TO: RSU 9 Parents & Guardians
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent
RE: 9-26-2023 Parent-Guardian Memo
DATE: 9-24-2023

The beginning of each school year is filled with many smiles, welcomes, reconnections and new beginnings. Assistant Superintendent Poulin and I were witnesses to many of these as we visited RSU 9 schools to see how everyone is settling in. The smiles and hellos at all levels are priceless and are at the heart of what Mt. Blue is about! Our students show just how flexible they are with how they adjust to new bus pick-up times, starting at new schools, or differing lunch and recess times. There are some bumps, as nothing is perfect, and so thanks go to them for their efforts as we all adjust to the new year. Thanks also go to you for your understanding and cooperation during this transition!

As we start a new school year I also think back and want to continue to celebrate the hundreds of Mt. Blue students who graduated from Mt. Blue High School, programs at Foster Tech Center, along with those receiving diplomas from Franklin County Adult Education. Our graduates, young and old, make our community, state, and nation better and give us HOPE for the future! Thanks go to all who have supported our learners' progress and growth, as they continue on their journey!

IMPORTANT Updates & Sharing:

Student & Staff Safety - IS always #1 with us in RSU 9. Please take a few moments to review this [letter](#) from our School Safety Team. Thanks!

Can you say Artificial Intelligence - Is here to stay? There is nothing that I can ever remember which has the potential to change learning as this. Please review the following [memo](#) as we move into this new frontier with you. Thank you!

10 things to know about how social media affects teen's brains. - I am sharing this [article](#) and information with you in hopes that it will give you some ideas and thoughts about battling this concern which harms too many of our young people! Working together we can make a difference!

15 Questions to Replace "How Was School Today" - As a "recovering" 👍 parent I know just how difficult it could be to try and get something out of our children when I asked about school. I can tell you I failed at this and so I share an [article](#) I wish I had been able to take some ideas from when our children were young. Enjoy!

Let me thank you in advance for working with us in support of our greatest resource, OUR CHILDREN!

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