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TO: RSU 9 Families  
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent  
RE: 9-17-2024 Update  
DATE: 9-18-2024

I hope this note finds you and your family well as we now take a deep breath after having completed our first-three weeks of school. It is wonderful to have our students back in school so that we can work with them as they continue to grow, learn, problem-solve, and develop skills which will support them in becoming successful and productive people, citizens, and neighbors! As I have shared previously, our students will have the greatest opportunity to succeed if families and staff work together to communicate and listen to one another. So I was thrilled to hear about the outstanding turnout we had at our schools for Open Houses. A great beginning to supporting our young people during this school year by strengthening our bonds and increasing trust in one another.

I want to thank each of you for your patience as we transition into this new school year. Every year brings with it adjustments and changes as we try to improve what we do. Additional change comes from our success in hiring many fine and caring new people into RSU 9. Your understanding as we adjust and adapt together is very much appreciated! Please remember that if you have a concern with the work we are doing or changes that may have been made please contact your child's school administrator to share your concerns or to ask questions. *Thank you!*

## **A few important updates to share:**

**School Safety is our #1 priority** - In RSU 9! Please review our safety [letter](#) for important information about our efforts.

**As we begin our year I want to take a moment to honor** the RSU 9 Staff who deserve recognition for their expertise and commitment to our students, families and schools as shown by their [hard work and longevity milestones](#). **I would also like to welcome staff we were fortunate** to hire or who transferred to new positions over the last three months. Please join me in wishing [them](#) well in 2024-2025!

**Much of district work is in place based on** the information collected in our strategic planning efforts. Our [RSU 9 Strategic Plan](#) is a living and breathing document. Please review the plan and contact your child's principal, Assistant Superintendent Poulin, or myself with questions. Thanks in advance for your interest!

*Thanks for listening!*

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