



**Joey Hassell, Superintendent**

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Dear Families,

On behalf of Haywood County Schools, welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope that each of you have had a relaxing and rewarding summer. I want to begin by thanking the numerous staff, families, and community members who continue to provide a warm welcome. I look forward to spending the next few months learning even more about our school district and the community.

This year promises to be a great one as we set high expectations for our district, schools, administrators, teachers, support staff, and most importantly, our students. Administrators, teachers, and staff are ready to motivate and engage students in learning. Our educators have been busy planning and preparing schools and classrooms for the new year, and we have been revising our curriculum and aligning it to Tennessee's more rigorous standards. I've been impressed by the pride, determination, and knowledge demonstrated by so many of the district's employees.

Each student brings to school a unique set of gifts to share. HCS will value each student and will work hard to ensure that each student learns, grows, and develops into an independent learner who is ready for post-secondary opportunities after graduation.

Like all successful organizations, HCS is in the process of focusing on continuous improvement to better serve our customers (community, families, and students). We recognize that we exist in an era of choice and as a result, we will take nothing for granted, particularly your choice to make Haywood County your school district.

In closing, thank you for your strong support of our school system. It is my privilege to serve you, and I look forward to becoming an integral part of our community.

My very best,

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