

# EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Allison LeClair, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

Welcome back to another great school year in Easthampton! I can't believe how fast the summer has gone by. I hope you have had time to rest and recharge, as September is right around the corner.

I would like to give a warm welcome to Mr. William (Bill) Evans, our new principal at Easthampton High School. Mr. Evans began working in Easthampton on July 1<sup>st</sup> and has not missed a beat, bringing a great deal of knowledge and experience as a high school administrator to our team.

What have we been preparing for over the summer? Our custodial and administrative assistant staffs have been busy all summer gearing up for the new school year. The leadership team has been focused on several topics, such as, new staff members joining the Easthampton ranks (I hope you will welcome them warmly), diving into data, discussing/updating technology, and thinking about our priorities as a district. In addition, many staff members and administrators have participated in an online course around Zaretta Hammond's book "Culturally Responsive Classrooms", with very positive feedback. I hope you have had a chance to learn something new this year, as it is a means to revitalizing our work as educators. As an administrative team, we will be reading the new Brene Brown book "Dare to Lead" this school year. I hope to share additional updates at Convocation.

The Professional Development schedule begins in your schools on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and continues on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by our district Convocation activities on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. All staff will gather at Easthampton High School on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for district updates, trainings, and an Easthampton Education Association meeting. I have included an agenda for the professional development days (you will receive a more detailed building-based agenda and information from your building administrator separately). Also enclosed is the school year calendar and a chart listing payroll dates for the 2019-20 school year. As a reminder, students will return to school and begin classes on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you all again for Convocation on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Easthampton High School. Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation!

Sincerely,

Allison LeClair, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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