

September 1, 2015

Dear CREC Families,

I hope your summer has been filled with fun and lasting memories with family and friends. I want to take a moment to welcome back our returning families and welcome for the first time our new families to the CREC district. On the first day of school, CREC will welcome 8,500 students into its classrooms. As we embark on a new school year we eagerly anticipate each student's excitement and eagerness to participate in new learning opportunities as they step into school.

Each year our staff works tirelessly to continue to improve the way we connect, motivate, and empower our students. Over the course of the summer, administrators and leadership from across the district worked to develop CREC Magnet Schools Essential Skills for Deeper Learning Framework. These skills will help shape instruction for students and professional development for staff throughout the year. Through this model, students will continue to receive high-quality instruction, impactful learning opportunities, and strong supports to make them active learners.

Our guiding practice is **Every Day. Every Student. Prepared for Success**. It is our goal to ensure that every student is better today than they were yesterday and continuing to strive to be even better the next day. To do this, one of our goals as a district is to enlist parents as co-educators. Each year we continue to strengthen our relationship with families to reach the overarching goal that every student shall achieve their highest potential and greatest success in the classroom and beyond.

As part of the CREC Family Engagement Series, CREC Schools will host a variety of workshops for families throughout the year to enhance our partnership with you. Based on the information we received from the CREC Parent/Guardian Workshop Survey, we created a series of topics generated by your interests. Topics will include information and resources on technology, college preparation, special education and 504, cyber safety and bullying, and positive parenting. Thank you to those who took the survey and provided us with valuable feedback on how we can improve and further assist you. Together, we create a powerful team.

Further, I would like to invite each of you to visit our Parent Portal website, www.crec.org/parents. The Parent Portal shares with you the latest curricula, district newsletters, educational resources, and more. Please continue to use this website as a reference throughout your child's educational journey.

Lastly, I thank each of you for your trust in CREC to educate your child. I look forward to the year ahead and sharing in your child's learning experience with you. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding your child's education.

Sincerely,



Dina Crowl
Superintendent of CREC Schools