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Principal's Greeting 2019-2020

I hope that everyone in the Gibbons Middle School community has had some time to unplug, relax and recharge this summer. We recognize that transition and change can be difficult. As we welcome the class of 2025 to Gibbons Middle School it will be important for our students to know that many of our teachers will also be experiencing the first day 'jitters' of being in a new school.

On many layers, education is a cyclical field we experience ebbs and flows of the annual academic calendar: greeting new 7th graders students in August and then saying good-bye to in June of the following year. Part of this cycle is welcoming in new teachers and saying good-bye to friends and colleagues. On the first day of school we will be welcoming 14 new staff members to our school and will have had 26 positions that have experienced some change. These changes range from veteran teachers returning to the classroom, or transferring into another department or role, we had a number of retirements last spring, we hired several staff for new positions that were created. With such a large influx of new and very talented staff joining us, our staff will be actively participating in our first semester CREW activities that emphasize making positive connections. Social and Emotional Learning continues to be a top district wide priority. Our CREW program will continue to serve as our primary SEL outlet, while we pilot several SEL initiatives in both 7th and 8th grades.

Gibbons Middle School is a wonderful environment that offers a rigorous and challenging academic environment while providing the necessary support so that all students can grow. Our staff is highly trained, compassionate and professional and are deeply committed to providing our students with the best experience possible.

We look forward to greeting the class of 2025 and welcoming back the class of 2024. We are very excited to see everyone back in school and are looking forward to a great year!