Dear Parents/Guardians of Soule School Students:

Welcome to Soule School! The staff and I look forward to your children’s arrival and are pleased to have you as partners in their education. As the start of another school year approaches, I’m sure many of you are feeling the same heightened levels of anxiety that we are. Many of your questions about Soule School can be found on our website at www.sau57.org/soule. Also, please take the time to download the Salem School District mobile app. To download the app, search for "Salem School District" on the iTunes or Google Play stores. Once you have downloaded the mobile app you’ll be able to follow Soule School, as well as all of the other schools in the district. Snow days and other important information/dates from Soule School and the entire district will always be at your fingertips.

Following a long-standing tradition, class lists for the new school year will be posted on the bus port doors of Soule School at 3:00 PM on Friday, August 24. Please help us celebrate the start of the school year by joining us at the PTA’s annual Welcome Back Picnic. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., and is a great opportunity to meet staff and classmates before the school year begins.

I invite families with students in AM Kindergarten, Full-Day Kindergarten, and Grade 1 to accompany their children on August 30, the first day of school. If you plan to be here, please arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:45 and accompany your child to the Soule School playground. Our staff will be available to demonstrate the morning routine on the playground, and at 9:00 direct you and your child to the proper classroom. At 9:10 all parents will be dismissed from the classrooms so that the children and teachers can begin their day. The same routine will be followed for the PM Kindergarten class with a start time of 12:15. You will be escorted into the building at 12:30 and will spend approximately 10 minutes in the classroom with your child and the classroom teacher before being dismissed. After the first day of school, students should arrive no earlier than 8:15 and will begin the school day at the normal start time of 8:45. On the first day of school, students in Grades 2 -5 will enter the building at the usual start time of 8:45.

Lots of information will be coming home during the first few days of school. Please check your child’s backpack for the Back to School Packet which contains information about the school and important forms that you’ll need to fill out and return to your child’s classroom teacher. Students should bring a healthy snack each day as teachers schedule a daily snack break. The bus routes for the 2018 – 2019 school are now posted on the Salem School District website, www.sau57.org under the Parent tab. For future planning, our Open House is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 20.

In closing, I look forward to welcoming you to our school community and working with you to provide our students with a rewarding and memorable school year. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if there is anything else I can help you with.

Sincerely,

Christine Honey-Nadeau
Principal