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GLSD School Community:

On behalf of the GLSD Board of Education and our staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I hope you enjoyed family time, vacations and are looking forward to the start of the school year.

Have you ever heard anyone say when they are talking about their public school experience, “If it was good enough for me, it is good enough for kids of today.” I would agree that today’s children and families educational expectations are very similar to expectations from years ago -- providing developmentally appropriate curriculum in a nurturing environment. However, we know 21st Century school aged children learn differently and the experiences they bring to their educational environments are far more diverse than in the past. Responding to these students’ learning styles and experiences is critical to their success.

Therefore, as we enter the new year, the secondary school schedules are changing to meet the needs of our student learners. Longer class periods, less interruptions, project based learning, flexible schedules, dual enrollment, and teaming of teachers are just a few of the adjustments. Our elementary schools are continuing to focus on math and language arts instruction. Greater Latrobe School District is centered on our mission -- focus on instruction while maintaining a balanced focus on the arts, the academics, and the athletics. Our mission is at the center of all decisions.

During the Class of 2018 graduation ceremony on May 30, I was reminded that what we remember from our public school education is most often the friendships and relationships we have experienced – not necessarily the content we have mastered. As adults, we recognize that graduation from high school is “just the beginning.” However, we also recognize that the beginning of a successful K-12 education is critical to becoming a lifelong learner and a responsible, productive citizen.

As we begin the 2018-2019 school year and welcome the kindergarten Class of 2031, we know that Greater Latrobe School District needs to continue to look forward while honoring the past. Your support and feedback is essential to GLSD’s continued focus on instruction. Please refer to the District’s website at www.glsd.us for more detailed information about programs, activities, and happenings at GLSD.

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