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Dear Fellow Staff Members:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We had a great summer school session, and are gearing up for a terrific new year.

To kick us off, we are planning a joint Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Convocation on Wednesday, August 12 at the ****KSD Dining Room***. This is for All Staff from both schools, KSD and KSSB. The following is the schedule for the Convocation.

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Continental Breakfast (rolls and coffee) |
| 8:40 | Welcome & Speaker Introduction (Madeleine) |
| 8:50 | Annette Reichman, Director/Liaison, Office of Special Institutions within OSERS at the U.S. Department of Education. She will speak on the unique needs of both populations of students at KSSDB, and their need for academic and social-emotional support from school and community |
| 9:45 | Introduction of new KSSDB staff and presentation of Service Pins |
| 10:30 | FERPA, Confidentiality and Bloodborne Pathogens (joint staff development) |

I also want to update you on various projects around the campus. Hopefully, by the time students show up for their first day, the central portion of Roth will be completely remodeled. We are in the process of getting cost assessments for the Roth Auditorium (Chapel). Other projects that will be started this year:

- In Roberts, the foundation shifted under the elevator, so it is not operational, and needs reconstruction.
- Taylor Gym will be renovated.
- Emery needs additional roof repairs, and replacement windows.
- Plans will be developed to secure the entrances of Roberts and Emery.
- Mass notification and fire system upgrades will continue.



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I look forward to seeing you on the 12th and kicking off the new school year!

Sincerely,



Madeleine Burkindine
Superintendent

** The inspection by the Fire Marshall in Central Roth will not take place until August 10th. In the unlikely event that we are not granted occupancy, the Convocation will take place in the Emery Elementary Gym. An all page will be sent to staff if the location is moved to the Emery Elementary Building.*

