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Dear Families:

I hope that this letter finds you refreshed as the summer comes to a close. While I am sure that your children are sad about the end of the summer, I trust that they are also excited to see their old friends, eager to meet their teachers, and angling for new challenges.

We want to get your feedback as we implement the change in [start times](#). If you have comments related to start times this fall, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at arthur_unobskey@wayland.k12.ma.us. If you have specific transportation questions or concerns, we have set up a special phone line (508-358-6850) and email (student_transportation@wayland.k12.ma.us) for your use.

Speaking for the staff at the Wayland Public Schools, we are very excited to start the 2019-2020 school year. Our work this year will focus on integrating what we have learned about the connection between a rigorous academic experience and the emotional needs of our children as we seek to engage every student, every day. We know that students' engagement in school contributes to their emotional health. At the same time, the state of our national discourse and the coldness of social media can inhibit our children from diving into the straightforward study of the world around them.

This summer, teachers have developed lessons that nurture collaboration, enable students to make mistakes, and regularly expose them to mysteries that are not easy to solve, whether in the humanities, math and science, the arts or physical education. Our staff is eager to connect with each of your children and work with them to unlock new interests that meet both their intellectual and emotional needs.

Supporting our children in 2019 is, in many ways, more complex than it has ever been, but it has never been more exciting. I look forward to our ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent