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Dear Manchester schools community:

We are looking forward to opening Manchester schools for the 2017-2018 academic year and eager to greet each student on September 5. Whether you will be dropping your child off at school for the first day of kindergarten or you are the parent of a teenager about to start senior year in high school, the new year is always filled with excitement and optimism.

I am proud to begin my second year as superintendent of the state's largest and most diverse school district, where our children represent dozens of cultures, traditions, languages, and learning styles. I remain committed to supporting the team of professionals who work every day to challenge their students academically and do the very best for each child. Together, we will continue district wide efforts to improve ways we can increase student learning and achievement.

It takes all of us to help every student reach his or her potential, and we invite you to participate in your child's learning experiences. Forging a strong relationship between the school and home is beneficial to student performance and academic growth. Support from our parents, volunteers, and community partners makes our schools even better. Here are three things I am asking each parent or guardian to do to support your student's success in school: make sure he/she attends school each and every day; reinforce the importance of good behavior at home, in school and within the community; get a library card for each of your children and encourage them to read a minimum of 30 minutes every evening and on weekends independent of homework assignments. One of the best ways to achieve this last request is to create a culture of reading within your home.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to learn more about our schools by visiting the district website, www.mansd.org, and your child's school website. We appreciate a strong relationship with district families and we encourage parents and guardians to get to know their principals, teachers and other district staff to support the success of each student. We recognize that we have the ultimate responsibility for educating our students but we cannot do it alone.

Please accept my best wishes to all students, parents and school district employees for a successful school year filled with many excellent opportunities.

Sincerely,

Bolgen Vargas, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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