



# CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Cazenovia Central School Community,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to the start of a new school year. I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer and is ready to engage in a new year of growth and learning. I can say the following with great confidence borne of a summer's worth of work by many people:

### WE ARE READY!

*Our facilities are ready for the arrival of students:* Walls have been painted, new blinds have been installed, the public-address system has been updated, and the driveways and parking lots are freshly sealed and lined.

In addition to these projects, there was the annual summer work on our facilities undertaken by the dedicated members of our buildings and grounds team. The 234,000 square feet of buildings have been cleaned and polished in order to make the learning environment as welcoming as possible for our students.

Plans for the \$15 million capital project that was approved last December have been submitted to the State for approval, plans for an energy savings project are well under way, and a study of our outdoor athletic facilities has been undertaken.

*Our teachers and staff are ready for the arrival of students:* The summer has been a busy one for our veteran teachers and administrators as they prepared for the coming school year. Our teachers, in nearly every discipline and at every level, worked countless hours on their curriculums and instructional practices in order to better ensure the growth and learning of the children of the District.

The administrative team's work on S.M.A.R.T. Goals connected to the District's Strategic Plan has laid a foundation for exciting improvements in the areas of communication, wellness, and engagement. The excitement and energy our teachers and administrators have for the coming school year is palpable.

The summer months were also busy filling positions left vacant by our distinguished retirees and those employees that moved on to other pursuits. We are excited to welcome a long list of new faculty and staff members and encourage you to make them feel part of our school community:


Emily Ayers-Business Office Clerk  
Amanda Chase-Cleaner  
Wendy Comeau-MS/HS ENL  
Kaley Emmons-Technology Support Specialist  
Jennifer Facteau-MS Art  
Amanda Grimme-Intern, Social Worker  
Dave Hazer-Interim, Director of Facilities  
Brianna Hoige-MS Music

Jack Malmshemer-BS/MS Physical Education  
Sara McDowell-HS Family/Consumer Science  
Kalin Merkley-HS Physical Education  
Donna Meyers-District Treasurer  
Shannon O'Shell-Intern, School Psychologist  
Jennifer Raux-HS Assistant Principal  
Maggie Taylor-Cleaner  
Cherie Ward-Second Grade

*Our students are ready:* Whether they admit it or not, students are ready to return to the classrooms and hallways of our schools. Already, student-athletes, kindergartners, new fifth-graders, and rising eighth graders can be seen excitedly moving around our hallways and athletic fields. Administrators and teachers have done a great job this summer helping students transition back to school with particular focus on those students who are new to the district or transitioning to a new building within the district. We encourage parents in this last week of summer to return some of the structure to their children's routine in order to make the transition back to school as successful as possible.

The hard work and commitment of teachers, administrators, and support staff this summer has prepared the District for an outstanding 2019-20 school year. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to help our students learn and grow.

We are ready!



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