

On behalf of the District 100 staff and the Board of Education, welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope all of our students and families had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready for another exciting year. Thanks to all the students and families that joined us for the “meet and greet” on Friday morning and for the Back to School Picnic on Sunday. It was great to kick-off the school year and to celebrate with the community!

The District 100 administrative team is a group of strong instructional leaders that are committed to providing the very best for the students in District 100. I am proud to highlight district administrative additions and changes for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Sue Butler - Director of Professional Development and Learning  
Ms. Beatriz Maldonado - Director of Language Acquisition  
Ms. Jean Suchy - Emerson Principal  
Ms. Jodi Meyer - Hiawatha Principal  
Ms. Mariana Nicasio - Komensky Principal  
Ms. Diona Iacobazzi - Pershing Principal  
Ms. Allison Boutet - Heritage Principal  
Ms. Megan Bailey - Irving Assistant Principal  
Mr. Dan Jeziorny - Hiawatha Assistant Principal  
Mr. Marty Stachura – Pershing Assistant Principal  
Ms. Michelle Hauer - Heritage Assistant Principal

For the past several months, District 100 staff members have been participating in a district improvement process to identify common goals for students and staff across all eight schools. The process began with a thorough analysis of data that included demographics, academic performance, program availability and usage, parent engagement, and school culture by a group of teachers, social workers, instructional coaches, administrators, parents, and board members. The team has identified goals for increasing student achievement in literacy, math, and language acquisition and for improving communication within the district and with our parents and community. Please look for future communications as we finalize action plans over the next several months.

In addition to strengthening our instructional program, we remain committed to educating the whole child by providing social-emotional supports, health and wellness programs, PBIS, and extra-curricular opportunities. Emerson will continue to serve dual language students from both Emerson and Irving in kindergarten and first grade, and this year Komensky and Hiawatha will provide dual language classes at the kindergarten level. We are excited about the benefits of dual language for our students and look forward to continuing to expand the program in District 100.

Over the summer, Illinois lawmakers approved a full fiscal year 2017 budget for elementary and secondary education, including an increase over last year’s funding levels. We are pleased that the short-term funding solution allowed districts to open on time, but remain concerned that funds are not allocated equitably across the state. Be assured that District 100 will continue to advocate for the long-term structural reform that will bring equity to the K-12 funding system by allocating funds based on need.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child’s education. I wish our students, staff, and families all the best in the new school year.

Mary Havis.