

September 5, 2018

Dear Boston Public Schools Families:

As I begin the school year as Interim Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS), I could not be more thrilled to welcome you and your students back to school. Across our great district, teachers and staff have been working hard all summer to ensure that each of our 125 schools are safe and welcoming places of learning for our 57,000 students. Because of their dedication, we are poised for a successful school year.

As a reminder, the district-wide start date for students in grades 1-12 is Thursday, September 6. The first day of school for pre-K and Kindergarten (K0, K1, and K2) students is Tuesday, September 11.

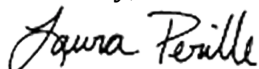
As you know, the weather in Boston this week has been extremely warm. BPS and the City of Boston are working hard to keep buildings as comfortable as possible, but it will be important that students dress both comfortably and appropriately during this stretch of hot weather. Extra water will be on hand to make sure students and staff are staying hydrated as we await cooler temperatures later in the week, and we will monitor the temperature situation in all buildings to ensure student safety.

At this time BPS expects transportation services to operate according to normal schedules. Please know that the safety of all BPS students, including in their delivery to and from school, is always the district's first priority.

If you have any questions, please visit the BPS Back-to-School website at bostonpublicschools.org/backtoschool. For questions about your student's transportation, call the BPS Transportation Hotline at 617-635-9520 or visit schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org. For questions about school registration or other concerns, contact the BPS Office of Welcome Services at 617-635-9010.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at BPS, it is my privilege to welcome your family to the 2018 – 2019 school year. I look forward to seeing you in your school community in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



Laura Perille
Interim Superintendent