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Dear Freshwater Families,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As the new school year approaches, we are preparing to welcome our students and families back to Freshwater School when school resumes on **Thursday, August 20th @ 8:30 a.m.**

We are excited to continue our Freshwater tradition of welcoming students back with our red carpet celebration on the first day of school in front of the office. There is nothing better than seeing the smiling faces on our new and returning Dolphins as they reconnect with friends, meet their teachers, and begin a new year of learning. Freshwater is a truly special place, and I am grateful to be part of such a dedicated staff and supportive community. Throughout the summer, our teachers have been busy preparing welcoming classrooms and engaging lessons, while John Andrae and Jonathan Lefebvre have worked tirelessly to ensure our campus is clean, beautiful, and ready to welcome students back. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and making the 2026–27 school year a great one!

This year, we welcome several staff members into new roles within the Freshwater Family. Please join me in extending a warm Freshwater welcome as you see them around campus:

Edwin Garcia: Director of Student Services

Sydney Tabbert: 2nd Grade Teacher

Hayley Serrine: Resource Support Teacher

Courtney Shayne: Wellness Coach

Jessi Hoffschmidt: FCMS Instructional Aide/Bus Driver

Siah Rosario: TK Instructional Aide

Sammy Poplewko: 6th Grade Instructional Aide

****NOTE: Class Lists will be posted on Friday, August 14th in the gym parking lot.***

We are pleased to once again offer free breakfast and lunch to all students, prepared by Chef Cris. We also encourage families to pack an additional healthy snack for their child(ren) each day. If you would like to enroll your child(ren) in our After School Program, please visit our website for program information, important details, and the link to register.

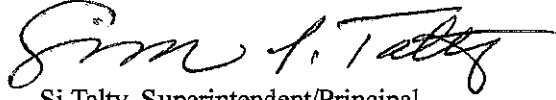
We encourage our Freshwater families to stay involved throughout the school year. In addition to volunteering in classrooms, families are welcome to participate in our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), School Board meetings, Community Club, and Freshwater Educational Foundation meetings.

Please check our website each week for upcoming events, meeting dates, and volunteer opportunities. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Freshwater such a special place for our students to learn and grow.

Please watch for additional flyers and emails in the coming weeks with important Back to School information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the front office. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and seeing our students walk the red carpet on **Thursday, August 20th**!

Go Dolphins!

Sincerely,



Si Talty, Superintendent/Principal