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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin another school year! I look forward to working with you and your children to establish a learning community where all students are challenged and learning is a rewarding experience. Ms. Shannon Kruger, Assistant Principal, and I spent time this summer training teacher leaders and working with staff to incorporate differentiated learning strategies into classroom lessons that will enhance the learning process for all students. I am inspired by the enthusiasm of our teachers to embrace new technology and researched-based “best practices” to make their lessons engaging and rigorous for students at all levels. This will be an exciting year for our students as we implement classes with honors challenges. Students at WRMS will have every opportunity to accelerate their learning in order to be prepared for advanced study at the high school level and be better prepared for post secondary programs. We will also continue to offer the Learning Lab, staffed with a teacher and a paraprofessional, to offer structured support to any student that needs to work on specific skills in order to be successful in the classroom.

This year we will continue with the 80-minute daily blocks for math and English Language Arts/Reading, and social studies and science will meet for 80 minutes every other day. Unified Arts will also continue to have 80-minute blocks this year, however each class will meet on a 26-day rotation and general music classes will alternate with guidance class. We are excited to be able to have the Northfield Police Department provide our seventh grade students with the D.A.R.E. Program this year; this will be incorporated into their guidance classes.

The first day of school is Monday, August 30th. Students will report to homerooms by 7:42 A.M. and will be dismissed at 2:22 P.M. Homeroom lists will be posted on the outside doors on August 27th. The bus routes will be published in local newspapers and on our website www.wrsdsau59.org (click on WRMS to link to our website). Students who do not arrive by bus should not plan to arrive before 7:25 A.M. when the cafeteria opens for breakfast and there is supervision on the playground. Staff supervision on the playground does not begin until 7:20 A.M. when the first bus arrives. No students should be on school grounds unless they are supervised by school personnel. Please note that we now have a one-way traffic pattern around the school. Parents dropping off students should enter from Winter Street and continue around the building to the drop off area, which is at the stop sign, then turn right to exit onto Main Street. Except in the case of wet or extremely cold mornings, all students should report directly to the playground upon their arrival.

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Student schedules are enclosed; they contain your child's homeroom number and his/her student ID, both of which are important for you to note. Breakfast and hot lunch will be available on the first day of school. The price of a hot lunch is \$2.15 and breakfast is \$1.00. Forms for free and reduced hot lunch will be sent home on the first day of school. If your student received free or reduced lunch at the end of the last school year, he or she will automatically receive the same benefit for a limited time, however you must reapply for this program again as soon as possible. A letter will also be enclosed with information on how to access your child's lunch account online. You will need your child's ID number, located on his/her schedule, to do this.

Our Open House to meet your child's teachers is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. It is very important to establish a connection with your child's teachers and I encourage you to plan to attend. Our staff is committed to establishing good communication with parents and the opportunity to meet you and provide you with an overview of their learning expectations for your child will help get this process started.

This year we plan to provide you with more options for communication via e-mail. Our goal is to be able to send you daily notices and our monthly newsletters through your e-mail. Also, please mark your calendars for school pictures on September 15th. Look for more information in our first newsletter.

We are still under restructuring status as we did not make AYP last year. As a school identified for restructuring, we will be in full implementation of our Restructuring Plan, which provides us with the opportunity and resources to make the improvements and additions to our programs that I've outlined in this letter. I welcome your comments and input as this process unfolds and I'm excited about the possibilities for our future. It is not unusual for assessment scores to take a dip as new programs are implemented. I anticipate that all our hard work will be evident in our scores as we move forward. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Pamela A. Miller,
Principal