

Dear North Chicago Parents,

Welcome back to school for the 2018 school year. Your school and your child's teachers have exciting plans for learning this year. This is my first year in North Chicago as your superintendent, and I look forward to having the chance to meet you at an upcoming school or district event. Please take a moment to say hello when I am at your school.

Our schools are, of course, focused on supporting students' academic growth in subject areas like science, mathematics, history and language arts. But supporting the development of social skills and strong relationships is also an important part of the school district's mission. North Chicago schools have made a commitment to supporting student's social and emotional learning, as well as their academic learning.

Lessons on social and emotional learning help students to listen carefully to others, to understand their own emotions and describe them, and to anticipate and understand others' emotions. We know that these lessons are just as important for our students as anything else they will learn in school. At the heart of this learning are strong caring relationships between students and the adults in our schools. We are working hard in our schools to develop strong relationships with all of our students, and to support positive student to student relationships, as well.

The next time that you meet with your child's teachers, ask them not only "What is my child learning at school?", but also, "How is my child treating others at school?" Let's work together to support our children's social and emotional learning.

Sincerely,

John P. Price