



***“The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”***

**- Alvin Toffler**

As we head back to our classrooms after a restful summer vacation, we trust it will be with a renewed sense of energy coupled with a profound desire to better understand and meet the learning needs of our students.

As the quote above suggests, it would seem the only constant that we can rely upon today is that things never stay the same. We live in a world of rapid change, and the pace of that change is not only accepted by our students, but often embraced by most of them. We must adapt quickly to the ever changing learning styles of our students, and while we continue to rely heavily upon the evidence-based best practices that are proven to advance student achievement, we must also be ever ready to embrace new pedagogical techniques, while trusting our own instincts as educators, in order to meet their individual learning needs.

And while we grow more accustomed to the rapid changes in our lives, let us not forget that the one constant that remains is our faith. Having the strength of our convictions based on our trust in God not only distinguishes us as an educational system, but it provides our students, their families, and our entire school communities with the values of compassion, empathy, respect, and love that seem all too often absent in today’s increasingly secular world. So let us continually strive to incorporate those values into everything we do in our schools.

We sincerely hope you have a wonderful start to the 2017-18 school year.

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