



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

August 21, 2018

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Dear Athol-Royalston Students, Parents, Guardians and Community members,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to lead the Athol-Royalston Regional School District once again this year. It is my honor and pleasure to work for you. I am excited to welcome everyone back. Over the summer, schools worked diligently to prepare our buildings for the 2018-2019 school year. Many changes have occurred over the summer. In order to ensure that you are well informed about each change I have listed them below:

High School

- Mary Jane Rickson has been appointed interim principal of Athol High School.
- Building repairs to the roof are underway and are slated to be completed August 31, 2018.
- Algebra Part A and Geometry Part A classes will begin this fall. These courses will allow all students the opportunity to gain additional rigorous support in mathematics.

ARMS

- School adds new culture course to unified arts selections.
- Spanish will now be offered in school building for students who qualify.
- Additional practice time has been added for students in band and chorus.

ACES

- Shannon Cleveland appointed new Principal
- Julie Stanley appointed new Assistant Principal
- Amy Langdon appointed new Director of Early Childhood
- School redesigned into two houses to allow more support for students and families. Each house will have a guidance counselor, adjustment counselor or social worker, school nurse and administrator. Amy Langdon will lead the Pre-K to 1 house and Julie Stanley will lead the grades 2-4 house.

RCS

- Beth Craven appointed new Principal.
- New direct line to water source added over the summer to help improve school water quality.


District

- Christie Fontaine hired to help support special education inclusion across the district
- Brandi Brown hired to provide math teacher coaching in grades K-8
- Vivian Vargeletis appointed to oversee district literacy plan and provide literacy instruction at RCS.
- **School will open Wednesday, August 29, 2018 for all students.**
- **There will be no school on August 31, 2018 or September 3, 2018.**

Please look to your child's individual school website to find specific information on times for arrival and dismissal, where students should report on their first day and a list of any materials they may

I look forward to seeing each of you during the school year.

Sincerely,


Darcy Fernandes
Superintendent of Schools