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Millburn Public Schools

To: Board of Education Members
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Subject: School Begins Soon

Summer is moving inexorably toward autumn even though the hot weather continues and we are busy getting ready for the teachers and students. Boxes of workbooks, replacement texts and support materials line hallways and the shipping/receiving corridor at Millburn Central. The items must be tallied, sorted, marked, and distributed to both Central and West before the teachers and students arrive. Data gathering and analysis continues to eat up the days before the beginning of school, as do meetings, email and the like. Articulation between Millburn District and the districts of Woodland, Gurnee and Warren High School has already begun.

School begins for the teachers on August 19. From that Thursday through Monday, August 23, every minute has been planned with meetings, staff development, and district or school activities. In fact we will be hosting a technology staff development with Gavin District on Monday in the afternoon. Several weeks before school officially begins many teachers have already been in to prepare their rooms. They have begun moving furniture, sorting resources, putting up bulletin boards, and meeting with their teams as they plan for August 24 when their students arrive for the first (half) day of school. Excitement is building as we all look forward to hearing the laughter and activity of children that has been missing for a couple of months. Soon, the school buildings will come alive again with the energy and enthusiasm that teachers and students bring to the beginning of each new year of learning.