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Dear Littleton Public Schools Families and Staff:

Tomorrow and Monday we will welcome back more than 15,000 students for the 2014-2015 school year! We thank all families for their patience as we added a day of instruction to this year's calendar and changed the first day of school. Having another day of instruction is ultimately what is best for students and their education; we thank you for your support!

It was wonderful to see the schools buzzing with activity and excitement this week as teachers and staff prepare for your students. Earlier this week we welcomed 70 new teachers to LPS. Eight of these new teachers graduated from an LPS high school and chose to return to LPS for their careers. That speaks volumes for our school district, our families, and our community! Please join me in welcoming our new teachers to the LPS family.

We are pleased to share our 2014 Transitional Colorado Assessment Program scores with you. LPS students are scoring 10 to 20 percentage points higher at the proficient and advanced levels than the state average in all grades and all subjects tested. In addition, LPS students are ranked #1 in student achievement among Denver Metro Area school districts in reading, writing, and math in 18 of the 24 grade levels and subject areas tested. We are very proud of our students and teachers and all who support the work they do! Your partnership with us makes all the difference.

The dedication for Clarity Commons will take place this Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Clarity Commons was donated to Arapahoe High School by Claire Davis' family and the Littleton Adventist Hospital Foundation. It is a peaceful garden built on the Arapahoe High School campus that will provide quiet outdoor space where students and staff can gather. We thank the Davis family and everyone who helped make this beautiful addition to Arapahoe High School possible.

You may have noticed some of the 2013 Bond projects underway across the district this summer, as well. By 2017, every LPS school and support facility will have undergone repairs and upgrades that make them safer, more efficient, and able to support learning in the 21st century. Thank you for supporting your schools.

We look forward to a successful 2014-2015 school year!

Sincerely,

Scott Murphy
Superintendent