

July 29, 2011

Dear Families,

I know it is hard to believe, but the start of school is right around the corner. The year ahead is sure to be an exciting year for our students. I am very proud of the services NTDSE provides to our students and am excited to be a part of such a remarkable organization. This is my eighth year with NTDSE, and I am pleased to say each year the progress of our students, the staff and our programs & services continue to be of the highest caliber.

We work hard for our students and continue to find ways to improve. We are currently partaking in the Strategic Planning process to assist us with a 3-5 year plan. As the time draws nearer, we will ask stakeholders (parents, community members, etc.) to be a part of the process and I certainly hope you will consider joining us. We truly value and need your input.

As many of you may know, NTDSE underwent an intense Cooperative Study during the past two years. The purpose of the study was to identify a funding structure that was equitable for all Niles Township Elementary Schools. We did just that, and all nine elementary districts in Niles Township will remain in the cooperative. This is exciting news and will launch us into this school year with great momentum!

If you have **not** registered your child at NTDSE, please do so immediately. If your child attends a satellite site, please contact Liz Salicete at (847) 965-9040 to set up an appointment. If your child attends Molloy, please contact Linda Pusateri (847) 966-8600 to set up an appointment. In addition, all students attending NTDSE programs must prove residency within their home district (this must be done every year). Your child will **not** be able to attend school until you have **registered and proven residency**.

I encourage you to make your child's education a priority. Please plan to attend all open houses, curriculum nights, parent-teacher conferences, and IEP meetings. We want to partner with you and your input is very valuable to us. As always, please be sure to communicate with your child's teacher, therapist(s), etc., so everyone is working towards the best interest of your child. I also encourage you to attend the parent events. Parent support groups are scheduled for the second Tuesday (evening) of each month. The first one is on Tuesday, September 13. More information will be forthcoming. Please be sure to visit our website at [www.ntdse.k12.il.us](http://www.ntdse.k12.il.us). It is undergoing a makeover, which will be revealed at the beginning of the school year.

Please know I am always available to answer questions, hear concerns, etc. I can be reached at [tkendrick@ntdse.org](mailto:tkendrick@ntdse.org) or (847) 965-9040. Additionally, **Michael Meyers**, Principal of Molloy and **Cindy D'Ambrosio**, Director of Satellite Sites, are available if you need assistance. If you have questions regarding transportation, please contact **Kathy Gavin or Patty Kontos**. All of the aforementioned personnel can be reached at (847) 966-8600.

I look forward to partnering with you in making this year terrific.

Respectfully,

Tarin L. Kendrick  
NTDSE Executive Director