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Railroader Families,

Happy New Year! Within the next week or so our school doors will be opening to start off the new school year. The first day of school for students will be Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to let you know about some of our changes and remind you of some of the programs that are already in place.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) is a program that has been in place for several years. This year PBIS will be one of our main focuses. PBIS is a program that focuses on acknowledging positive student behaviors. We give out tickets to students that are following the 3 R's Respect, Responsibility, and Results. We teach and model what these actions and behaviors look like.

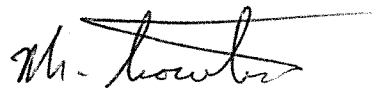
Mind UP is an exciting, evidence based social and emotional literacy curriculum which will help our students better engage in learning, limit their distractions, self-regulate their behavior and improve their focus and resiliency training. The program called Mind Up (The Hawn Foundation 2011) utilizes a brain centered approach to integrating neuroscience, positive psychology, mindful awareness training and social and emotional learning as tools for success in the classroom and in life.

For this upcoming school year we will have a licensed clinical social worker in district 2 days a week. We will also provide dental services through Hudson Headwaters Health Network. This will be available at the Elementary School twice throughout the school year.

Please plan your morning routine so that your Railroader arrives ready to learn by 8:45am! Your child will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:45am.

Our Elementary open house for all grades will be on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!

Looking forward to the New Year,



Mr. Trowbridge