

The first few weeks of school have been a great success! It's truly wonderful to have students and staff back in the buildings and the hallways buzzing with excitement. As I reflect on the kick-off of the new school year, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the district - bus drivers, teachers, staff, parents, students and the entire community. Your patience and support have been instrumental as we've navigated the challenges of new traffic patterns and car rider lines. We know this will take a bit of extra time as we all get used to these changes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

I wanted to give you an update on a few items from last Monday's OCBE meeting that are worth shining a spotlight on.

Director of Personnel Rich Graviss gave an update on our staffing for this school year. The number of outgoing certified staff is down quite a bit, so we are certainly headed in the right direction as we continue to work towards making OCS the employer of choice in our region. Mr. Graviss also reported that we are up to 247 active subs, which is incredible, but we would certainly love to have even more!

Director of Pupil Personnel Michael Williams gave a report on enrollment and there's good news there too, as our enrollment is currently up 186 students over projections!

Building on this positive momentum, we would like to share another exciting update for our community. We are pleased to announce that senior citizens 65 and older get in free to all regular season sporting events in Oldham County Schools this school year. Please accept our invitation to come participate and show your county pride. Help us elevate our student experience as we all come together as a community to root on our home teams.

There's a remarkable sense of positivity and enthusiasm throughout the district this year, and that is the direct result of the hard work and commitment put in by everyone in the district. Our focus is, as always, on students and making sure that every student feels known, valued, loved, and supported.