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Dear McGee Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to the 2026-2027 school year! There is a particular kind of energy that settles over McGee in late August. The hallways are quiet for just a little while longer, waiting to be filled again with our Spartans. I hope your summer brought moments worth remembering, and that your family is rested and ready for the year ahead. As we open the doors for 2026-2027, we look forward to a year defined by both individual and shared growth here at McGee.

The journey that is the McGee Middle School experience is led by our dedicated and compassionate staff. **Purpose**, **Passion,** and **Pride** are embedded in the words and actions of all members of the McGee community. Driven by the Berlin Vision of the Graduate, we create an environment for our students to collaborate, communicate, contribute, innovate, think, and learn each day. These dispositions reflect the culture, instruction, and assessment practices in our classrooms that support the pursuit of excellence in Berlin Public Schools.

McGee Middle School takes pride in offering a wide range of interest-based opportunities for our students. From band and chorus programs to athletic teams, clubs, and student leadership, all McGee Spartans are encouraged to explore their interests and ignite their passions!

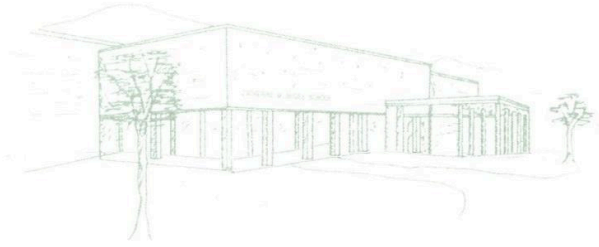
Each summer, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the newest members of the McGee family. Mr. Thomas Drew joins McGee as a member of the special education team. Mr. Drew brings a wealth of experience from the Milford Public Schools, where he served in both teaching and leadership roles. We also welcome Ms. Emily Seeds as our full-time Research and Media Literacy teacher. Ms. Seeds successfully served as a long-term substitute at McGee this past spring.

It continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal of McGee Middle School, alongside our dedicated assistant principal, Mr. Deven Constant. We look forward to continuing our partnership with families and the Berlin community as McGee students grow into thoughtful readers, writers, mathematicians, artists, and leaders!

Please be on the lookout for our Welcome Back edition of the Spartan Weekly in the coming weeks with important information for the opening of school. Details and a few important dates can be found on the following page. We look forward to greeting all our McGee Spartans when students return on **Thursday, August 27.**

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Sullivan
Principal



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Please review the following important information. Reminders and additional details will be shared as each event nears.

Upcoming Communication

Starting on August 14th, each Friday, McGee will share a communication to help students and families prepare for the upcoming school year. These updates will include pertinent information and details about daily procedures to proactively plan for a successful start to the school year.

Friday, August 14 - PowerSchool Access to Student Schedules

We anticipate the PowerSchool Parent Portal for the district will open by the end of the day on **Friday, August 14**. The Portal will allow you and your child to view their schedule for the upcoming year. Directions for opening and navigating PowerSchool will be shared when the portal opens. Please note that schedules are developed based on input from a variety of team members and carefully built based on many factors across the class, grade level, and building. Due to fluctuations in enrollment as we near the start of the year, revisions may be required to balance classes. We are unable to grant individual schedule requests. Thank you for your understanding of this process.

Monday, August 24, 12:30-2:30 - First Steps to Success

For **Grade 6 students and families**, as well as **new families to the district**, a separate invitation will be sent outlining the details of the day. The goal of the event is to help students become familiar with the building, understand our academic and behavioral expectations, and learn about the many opportunities to get involved in student life at McGee. Please review the save-the-date information linked below.

Thursday, August 27 - First Day of School!

Doors to McGee open each morning at 7:20 AM. Between 7:20 and 7:34, all students taking the bus and drop-offs enter the building through the Gym Entrance. The start of the first period is 7:35. Any student arriving at 7:35 or after must enter through the main office to sign in and receive a tardy pass. Detailed arrival and dismissal information will be provided in a future update.

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 PM - McGee Open House

Open House is designed for parents and guardians of McGee students. We welcome all families to attend as it provides an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, and see the learning environment. A formal invitation and schedule for the evening will be shared in September.

