



# Wheaton High School

## The Academies

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Dear Wheaton High School Staff Members:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope this letter finds you relaxed and refreshed for the new school year. I enjoyed leading Wheaton for seven years as the principal and I am excited to be returning as your Acting Principal for this school year. My hope is to ensure that we have a smooth opening to this school year.

This summer, the leadership team has reflected on our performance data, reviewed staff and student survey through a lens of equity. Our school-wide **priority** is to increase overall student achievement as measured by increased numbers of students meeting math and literacy targets, decreasing the number of students who are chronically absent, and ensuring the wellness of all our students and staff.

The Wheaton High School Administrative Team would like to Welcome Mr. Johnathan Dunn who is joining us as Assistant School Administrator (ASA). Mr. Dunn will be working with our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. I would also like to welcome over 50 new MCEA and SEIU staff members. Please see the attached for all the names and positions of all new staff.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 21. We will be starting with our welcome back meeting promptly at 7:45 in the auditorium, with breakfast provided prior to the meeting in the cafeteria by the PTSA. Please refer to the attached preservice schedule for details for the week.

### **DIRECTIONS with REQUIRED COMPLIANCE TRAINING COMPLETION DATES**

- MCEA unit members who complete all compliance modules before the start of pre-service will be released from reporting on-site during their schools' designated 2-hour block of time during pre-service week.
- SEIU *10 month school based* unit members are permitted to complete the compliance modules prior to returning to work for the FY24 school year. You will be compensated for two hours of time at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. This will be automatically included in the 9/8/23 paycheck.

[Click here](#) to access the information and details for all levels of compliance training.

Please note the following important dates for all staff members:

Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>: Main Office, Media Assistants, Media Service Technician return

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: All teachers return

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Security Team, Cafeteria Manager, All Para Educators return

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: New Student Orientation and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: Back to School Night with a “Wheaton Knight” starting at 5:30 PM

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year. As a staff we will continue to work together as a school community to support Knight’s success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Mugge

Acting Principal Wheaton High School/Thomas Edison School of Technology