I want to welcome you to the Randolph County School System. The 2022-2023 school year will be one with a strong focus on "learning and teaching." The school system also will continue to increase access to instruction for students at school as well as away from campus through the acquisition of digital resources. Furthermore, as in previous school years, the individual instructional needs of our students at all levels of academic performance will continue to be a priority during the 2022-2023 school year.

Along with the excitement surrounding the opening of the 2022-2023 school year in August 2022, I want to take a moment to thank the members of our Board of Education and our County Commissioners for their great work on the school system's local budget for the 2022-2023 school year. More specifically, through the hard work of these elected officials, all of our school system's local budget requests for the 2022-2023 school year were approved. This budget result led to an increase in the school system's "current expense" funding by \$828,000. In addition, our school system received an additional \$100,000 in our "special capital outlay" funding to support the "9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan." This "special capital outlay" funding was created starting with the 2014-2015 school year and has now grown to \$950,000 provided on an annual basis. Furthermore, it supplements the "regular capital outlay" funding received each year based on the school system's student enrollment. Overall, the teamwork of the members of our Board of Education and the County Commissioners continues to play a major role in the success of our school system.

In closing, I hope the 2022-2023 school year in the Randolph County School System is an exciting and productive one. Please know that our staff members will do everything possible to help the children of this county continually improve over the next 10 months, as well as their future years with us, in terms of academic performance and overall development as individuals. These children represent the future of our country and deserve our best efforts. I look forward to working with our students, parents, staff members, and members of the school system's community as all of us work to shape the future of our country through the provision of a positive educational experience for the kids of Randolph County. It is a great time to be a member of the Randolph County School System.