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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I cannot begin to express the excitement we are feeling at the prospect of a new school year. The school district is eagerly anticipating the return of its staff and students and we are looking forward to another exciting year of growth and achievement. In preparation, we have been hard at work preparing for the year by engaging in recruitment, professional development, curriculum writing, new character education programs, and the restructuring of our sixth grade program. These are just a few of the examples of work our instructional team has undertaken during the course of the summer.

In a continuing effort to improve the South Country School District campuses, the Facilities Department has also worked tirelessly over the summer to complete a multitude of projects. When students return to Bellport High School in September, they will be greeted with a new turf field, a new digital scoreboard and a renovated gymnasium lobby. The school also boasts new floors in the Art wing and the restoration of its duck pond. Elementary school students will also find some changes. A new playground was installed at Brookhaven Elementary, a STEAM lab was developed at Verne W. Critz and Kreamer Street Elementary has undergone safety enhancements such as new walkways. At Frank P. Long Intermediate School, new flooring and ADA-compliant playground equipment was installed. Finally, at Bellport Middle School, the courtyard is undergoing renovation and its outdoor facade repaired.

We are proud of all the work we have accomplished during the summer break and will continue to work towards our Clipper PRIDE!

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 6, 2023. In an effort to continue to be environmentally conscious, all summer packets will be posted on our district website on Monday, August 28, 2023, including student schedules via the Parent Portal. The materials contained in the packets will be posted on the home webpage of your child's respective school.

Please note that the parent / student affirmations must be completed in the Parent Portal by September 1, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the summer packets or if you want to request hard copies, please contact your child's school at the number(s) listed below:

Bellport High School (631) 730-1575

Bellport Middle School (631) 730-1626

Frank P. Long Intermediate School (631) 730-1725

Brookhaven Elementary School (631) 730-1700

Kreamer Street Elementary School (631) 730-1650

Verne W. Critz Elementary School (631) 730-1675

South Haven Early Childhood Center (631) 730-2180

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Our goal in South Country Central School District is to provide an atmosphere where teachers, students, administrators, parents, and community members work closely together to provide an environment that is a true reflection of the positive and supportive community that South Country is – all working collaboratively towards the same goal, which is to provide our students with the best learning experience possible. We are approaching this new school year with high expectations, hard work, support for students and staff - all driven by kindness. And let's not forget that school is supposed to be fun too!

We are really looking forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday, September 6th, for our first day of school and an entirely fresh start. Let's make this year our best year in South Country!

It really is a pleasure and honor serving the South Country community as your Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,

*Antonio Santana*  
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Superintendent of Schools