

## **Transcript of August 11, 2023 Video Message**

Hello Kahok Nation. I'm Superintendent Brad Skertich.

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer.

We are excited for students to return on August 17th. There's nothing better than seeing our students and staff in our hallways to start the 2023 and 2024 school year.

When everyone returns, please make note of the improvements that have occurred at Collinsville High School, Dorris Intermediate and Webster Elementary.

Each summer the board of education strives to make improvements to each of our schools, and we think you will be excited to see what has occurred this summer.

Additionally, beginning on the first day of school, we will be running a trial run, set-up, of the new Opengate weapons detection system. This is another measure to help keep our students safe, as well as our staff, throughout the school day.

As we adapt and we grow with this process, please be patient. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Last, our fall activities will pick-up rather quickly once school starts. We look forward to seeing you at our schools, cheering on our students and supporting them in all of their co-curricular activities. And we are appreciative of the constant dedication that you show our student body, our staff and our entire school district.

Thank you for your constant dedication to our students. And don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride!