Cairo School District No. One

"MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE"

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Dear Cairo Staff Members:

I hope that each of you are enjoying your summer. As you may have heard, I am very pleased to start as the new Interim Superintendent of Cairo School District #1. And, I am elated to assist Cairo SD 1 in fulfilling its vision:

> Cairo School District #1, in partnership with the entire community, will prepare every student to become lifelong learners who will be productive, informed, and responsible members of society. These goals will be accomplished by providing highly qualified members who are caring, enthusiastic, and innovative. Cairo SD #1 will provide resources and a safe environment which will promote the curiosity, creativity and active involvement of all students in their pursuit of excellence.

To familiarize yourself with my background, I am a native of East St. Louis, Illinois and I am married to Crystal Richardson-Rice and have two daughters (Diamond and Emerald Rice). I graduated from Eastern Illinois University both as an undergraduate and graduate student. Later, I attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to obtain my doctorate in education. I have over 25 years of educational experience including being a former teacher and administrator. I also have experience as a professor, educational consultant, and I am a noted author and state and national presenter.

To assist me in becoming better acquainted with the school district and with you personally, please schedule a time with Mrs. Keeshia Carr to visit with me (optional).

Thank you for your hard-work, and know that we are afforded a unique opportunity which is to not only educate students, but also make a positive difference in their lives.

To keep you informed of district operations, please keep in mind the following:

- Summer PD (July 28-30); please see attached schedule and make a reservation with your principal if you are planning on attending (elementary staff: please cc Mrs. Zachara Nelson as well).

- Mrs. Keeshia Carr will be sending out the majority of superintendent communications; be sure to check your district emails. If making an appointment to see me, please schedule with Mrs. Carr as well.

- If you are having trouble logging in to your district email, please contact Ms. Janiece Blake.

- Prior to making purchases, please complete a requisition form and submit to your supervisor for approval. Note: no funds will be reimbursed if requisitions are not submitted for prior approval.

- The administrative team will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 and discuss plans for the reopening of schools (remote learning, on-site, hybrid, etc.) Again, please check your emails for communications regarding school reopening plans.

Enjoy your final days of summer vacation and I look forward to seeing each of you!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Rice-Superintendent