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WELCOME TO THE BRYAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Whether you are a newcomer or a returning citizen and student of the Bryan County schools, we welcome you to a new and exciting school year. The 2008-2009 school year was an exceptional year in our school system; each year our students and staff members amaze and impress us with their successes and accomplishments.

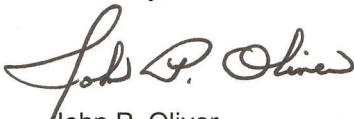
As we look toward greeting more than 7,400 students this fall for the 2009-2010 school year, we anticipate this being one of the best years in Bryan County schools history. We continue to believe that the most important thing we do as a school district is to hire the best teachers and staff members possible to be with our children each and every day. More than 900 employees will make up the Bryan County schools team this year and all are looking forward to greeting our students!

The district has dedicated a great deal of time and resources to making sure that we are strengthening our curriculum, particularly in the areas of math and science; that we are providing adequate support and resources to our staff, particularly our newest teachers, to ensure their confidence and success; and that we are assessing students quickly as they enter our schools to better meet their individual learning needs.

The biggest key to the overall success of our students and our district, however, is in our ability to work in partnership with our parents and the community. Parents play a pivotal role in the education of their children. We must have parents who hold their children responsible and accountable for learning and actions. Parents must encourage their children constantly and demand the best behavior and best academic performance. We hope that you feel welcome in our schools and that you will take advantage of opportunities to become involved, to learn more about your school district, and to be a part of the many things that are taking place.

Again, welcome and welcome back!

Sincerely,



John P. Oliver
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