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Dear Summerville Union High School District,

Welcome home to all students, staff and community members. As we gear up for another year of investing in the lives of students, our focus will continue to be on the academic, social-emotional and career and college achievement of each and every student. Our focus is on providing a positive learning environment, top-notch programs, and strategies to provide each student with a safe and rich learning experience in which they will reach their goals in college, career and life.

It is my honor to serve as Superintendent of Summerville Union High School District. Being a part of the Summerville family means we share in the rich traditions and deep pride in our community and school. In my work with the board of trustees, teachers, students, and community we can continue the positive growth in student achievement and preparation for their future. I enjoy being with our phenomenal students daily and working with our staff and community to create a safe and academically challenging learning environment where our students set themselves on a path of reaching their goals and dreams.

Our students are in a world of constant change where technology is advancing rapidly. The jobs we are preparing our students for may not even be known to us at this point. Our goal is to challenge our students to analyze, reason and think abstractly. They need to learn the importance of working collaboratively to find solutions to real-world problems. As a district, we work to provide students with opportunities to embrace change and the learning necessary to make that happen. In today's education, we face rigorous and relevant state standards (Common Core State Standards), testing measurements (CAASPP), more robust technology-based instruction and embracing team-work through cross curricular collaboration and project based learning. With all of these changes and challenges, education has never been more exciting to be a part of.

As we face the future changes and challenges in educating our students, we will remain steadfast in our approach to our school values. We will focus on being a caring place for students; we will foster a community of cooperative teaching and learning where students and staff work together; and we will emphasize competence in all domains by giving our best effort and support every day.

The state of Summerville Union High School District remains strong, and our continued work is to provide for the well-being of each of our students. Thank you all for being a part of this great family supporting our students.

Once again, Welcome Home for our 2025-2026 school year! Go Bears!

Michael S. Merrill, Superintendent