



## **A Message from Superintendent Hoernemann**

Welcome back Avon students and families! If you are new to Avon Schools, we are very glad that you have joined our community. We served more than 8,900 children last school year and embrace another opportunity to educate, excite and help our wonderful students excel.

Thank you for your patience with our recent transportation changes. We implemented Project:SAFEstops to improve on-time arrival at our schools. This initiative helped us to assess all of the bus stops and bus capacity usage for our students. As a result, some bus stop locations and times have changed. In addition, 66 buses had to be rerouted due to two road closures. Your patience will help to ensure a smooth transition. Please visit the Transportation Department's web page at <http://www.avon-schools.org/Page/157> for more information.

There is no doubt that the safety of our students and employees is of utmost importance. In an unprecedented successful effort, our School Board worked with the Avon Redevelopment Commission to receive a commitment of \$321,000 to allow the purchase of cameras and software for our school system. This will give the Avon Police Department the ability to access those cameras in an emergency. Kudos to our School Safety Committee for receiving two \$50,000 grants last year to enhance security in our school buildings.

Another indicator of our commitment to safety is our revised board policy that will require all volunteers – not just those attending overnight field trips – to have a current background check. The Volunteer Background Check goes into effect on September 14, 2014. Applications are available at each school building.

Right before school began, the Teacher of the Year for Avon Schools was announced. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Christy Shepard, a 5th grade teacher at Avon Intermediate School West. She has taught in Avon Schools for 14 years. We appreciate Mrs. Shepard's service, dedication and compassion.

Please stay in touch with your teachers, principals and me. Feel free to email me at [mehoernemann@avon-schools.org](mailto:mehoernemann@avon-schools.org).

Sincerely,

Margaret Hoernemann  
Superintendent

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