



## YOUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

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Dear Young Community,

I am very excited to be back for my second year at Young Public School. My first year at YPS brought many challenges in the finance area. This time last year, we had two teaching positions to fill also. With a lot of work from staff members and our governing board we have worked diligently over the past year to correct all of our financial challenges. I am very proud to say that we will begin this new school year with a balanced budget, no outstanding audits, our grants up-to-date, and all positions filled prior to school starting.

This year we are bringing in a new ELA and Science curriculum for kindergarten through 5th grade. The teachers will share more information about these programs as the year starts.

Grades 6th through 12th will have a slight change to their schedule this year. We are adding a Zero Hour and the school day will begin at 7:30 am. Zero Hour will run from 7:30am-7:55am. This will be an opportunity for students in Student Council to meet on a regular basis. It will allow students to seek extra help or get uncompleted work done, and it will also be an allotted time for students to work on extra online elective courses. High School students will be earning an additional .5 credit for the year with this time. Ultimately, this will benefit the students by affording them time to do the things they are interested in.

The first day of school for students is Thursday, July 31, 2025. School will start at 7:45 for kindergarten through 5th grades, and at 7:30 for 6th through 12th grades. The bus will run its regular scheduled route that day for pick up and drop off. Meals are FREE for all students again this year. Breakfast will be served beginning at the regular time on the first day of school.

We will host a **Meet the Teacher Night** on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the YPS gym. Friends and family are invited! We hope to see everyone there!

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year and to working with all of you. If you have any questions, you may feel free to stop by the school, or send me an email at [cknippen@youngschool.org](mailto:cknippen@youngschool.org).

Thank you! Enjoy the summer! And, I'll see you soon!

Chad Knippen