

**Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members,**

**Welcome back! I am very excited about the 2015-16 school year. It is going to be a wonderful year filled with success. Thank you for your continued trust, support and commitment to the Alton School District.**

**As superintendent, this is certainly a school year I am looking very forward to for many reasons. This summer, extensive efforts have been made to improve our facilities, strengthen our curriculum and provide students with an outstanding school environment upon their return.**

**Particularly exciting this year will be the debut and grand opening of the new Alton High Athletic Complex. Located behind Alton High, this first class facility will boast new soccer and baseball stadiums, eight-lane all-weather track, cross country course, a concession stand, restrooms, locker rooms and much more. For the first time, the vast majority of our sports can be practiced and played right on our home campus providing students and parents with a tremendous convenience. Also, the complex is beautiful and will serve as a great source of pride for our communities.**

**Over the course of the summer, our academic team has been working in depth to strengthen our core curriculum while seeking new ways to increase achievement for all students – in every single school. Technology is key to our efforts in both maintaining and increasing student engagement levels. Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will once again each have Chromebooks as a learning resource. We are committed to the digital literacy of our students and preparing them for our technology-driven global marketplace.**

**In summary, you made an outstanding choice in entrusting the Alton School District to provide for your child's educational needs.....and we do know you have a choice so thank you. Please know we are committed partners in the success of your child. If you have questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 474-2600.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dr. Kenneth Spells**

**Superintendent**