

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Other Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2009 -2010 school year! I am looking forward to another challenging year as the Portland school community continues its goal of improving student performance academically, socially, and as productive members of Portland and the larger society.

Staffing is complete and for the first time since I began in Portland, we have no first-year teachers.

Please plan to visit your child's school for Open House as scheduled below:

Open Houses:

September 16 th	Valley View Elementary	Open House	5:30 pm
September 17 th	High School	Open House	7:00 pm
September 22 nd	Brownstone Intermediate	Open House	6:30 pm
September 23 rd	Middle School	Open House	6:00 pm
September 24 th	Gildersleeve Elementary	Open House	6:00 pm

I know I speak for the members of the Board of Education and district administration in encouraging parents and family members to become a part of your children's education. Students' first day back is Monday, August 31st. See you then

Sincerely,

Sally E. Doyen

Dr. Sally E. Doyen
Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Superintendent of Schools is the chief executive officer for the Board of Education, responsible for conducting the educational programs and administering the policies set by the Board. The Superintendent keeps the Board informed about programs and school system needs and recommends policies for Board consideration. Dr. Sally E. Doyen is the Portland Superintendent of Schools. She can be reached at the Central Office at 342-6790 or sdoyen@theportlandct.us.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The seven members of the Portland Board of Education set educational policy for the town of Portland and are responsible for school programs and facilities. The Board operates under the committee system with five standing committees: curriculum, finance, operations, personnel, and policy. All committee meetings are open to the public. Time and place of committee meetings are announced at regular Board of Education meetings. Committee meeting agendas and Board meeting agendas are available at the Town Hall and in the Board of Education office, and on the Board of Education website www.portlandctschools.org.