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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEMO**

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**TO: PCCS COMMUNITY**  
**FROM: GEOFF DEIGAN (PCCS)**  
**SUBJECT: OPENING DAY - AUGUST 14, AT 8:00AM**  
**DATE: AUGUST 7, 2017**

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Dear PCCS Community,

If you are anything like me, you are wondering where the summer went.

This message is to help bring clarity to many of the issues that affect public schools in our region. As you may have read, our Legislators in Springfield have yet to pass a funding bill for public schools across the state. Until they do so, it is anticipated that schools will not receive their state portion of their funding until a resolution is passed. For state chartered public schools, like PCCS, this will mean that the majority of our funding will be delayed. Many schools in the area are sharing with their families that this impact may delay schools opening and/or potentially closing earlier than normal.

For PCCS, we will be open on August 14 at 8:00 AM to start our 19<sup>th</sup> year as a public charter school in Lake County. We will continue to monitor our expenditures to make sure that the school is equipped with the resources to provide our students with a personalized education where children learn the value of community and environment.

Over the last few years, PCCS has been diligent in managing our finances and as a result has built a reserve of funds for just these types of situations. While we remain optimistic that the Legislators recognize the effect of their actions in Springfield, we are confident that a resolution will be met with the utmost of urgency.

Thank you for choosing PCCS as your choice for your child's public education. We look forward to seeing you at the welcome back picnic for all families on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> in Market Square and then again on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM for our first day of school and opening ceremony.

Sincerely,  
Prairie Crossing Charter School



Geoff Deigan  
Executive Director