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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff:

For some students, parents and teachers this is the beginning of your educational journey in the Hamilton County school system and for others you are seasoned veterans. Whether you're new or old... Welcome to a **new** school year!

I wanted to take this moment and thank you for the progress that we have made together in public education over the past ten years. Currently, other states come to Tennessee to see how we are working through our challenges and turning them into such great progress. Our commitment to a better education has made us the fastest improving schools in the nation! This school year will bring a new set of opportunities for our schools to continue that forward progress, so that we may be the best in the country – **but there is still a lot of work to do, starting today!**

You represent the next generation of students and parents. This is your school system and I hope you will fully immerse yourself in your school. Get to know your teacher, principal, school board representative and county commissioner. Education is a team activity and we are all in this together!

Teachers and staff will challenge you to be the best that you can be and you should challenge them as well. Everyday should be a learning experience. Take advantage of each moment to sharpen your mind and learn something new. Remember, all learning begins with **YOU!**

I am excited for what the 2017-18 school year has in store for you! It's going to be a great year...I can feel it!

Sincerely,

State Senator Bo Watson
Finance, Ways & Means Chairman

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