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50 years of TAWLS 1963-2013

"Working together for our kids"

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER 2013-2014

Welcome back teachers-

September 5, 2013

The start of each school year is always the perfect time to engage new ideas and embrace challenges after a restful and invigorating summer break. Working and moving **FORWARD TOGETHER** to inspire each other and our students will continue to strengthen our association and the school district. Whether it is common core implementation, third grade reading guarantee, or the new state report cards, if we continue to do our best each day for our colleagues and students, we will achieve success.

With the start of a new school year, remember to reach out and welcome our new teachers into our family, especially since there are over 20 of them! We all know that the first few years are tough and demanding, especially with initiatives on top of first year requirements. Reaching out to each other, welcoming our new teachers, and doing the very best each day will continue to make us the jewel in the crown of Toledo. Regardless of state report cards and initiatives from ODE that attack our successes, let us follow in our superintendent's message of "stand by me," and we will accomplish another year to be proud of.

Our message of unity and moving forward together remains strong again this school year. Teachers around the state remain under attack as hostile school boards and legislators continue to oppress public education. We have all seen the attacks on teachers in other districts, like Strongsville, and we are fortunate that there is strong respect and collaboration between TAWLS and the Administration. With Right to Work initiatives being pursued by Ohio Tea Party members, we should not be complacent. Continuing to become involved with TAWLS by standing united and working cooperatively with other teachers will help us move forward together to achieve another successful school year.

With Unity,

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