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A new day is a new opportunity to make something happen!

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“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known” - Carl Sagen

[From Edutopia: 4 Ways to Develop Creativity in Students by Ben Johnson](#)

Entry Plan Highlights

Well, I made it through my first full week as your Superintendent. It was another test of endurance for sure as I learned more usernames and passwords (who knew one person could have so many!) and met more members of our learning community. I can honestly say that I feel settled in and like I have been here much longer than just seven working days. I was fun to visit classrooms and meet more of our students at HES. They were eager to talk to me about what they were learning. I am excited to visit more classrooms in the weeks to come. On Tuesday and Friday Wayne took me on detailed tours of both schools with a focus on facility conditions. These tours were very informative. On Wednesday I met and talked to leaders at AHM Youth and Family Services. It was exciting to learn about this community partnership and their work with us in our schools. Also on Wednesday I worked with Town Manager Andy Tierney to get up to speed on the budget adoption process as well as learn about some of the upcoming town/school projects. The budget will dominate my time over the next two weeks but I am optimistic that I will be out visiting classrooms too.

Professional Development Corner!

Looking for a great podcast for your drive to work or for while washing the dishes? Check out the TED Radio Hour from NPR. A recent episode was particularly interesting... [The Source of Creativity](#). Give it a try!



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