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## THEY'RE BACK!



**Above,** Friends Ava Williams, 9, left, and Sequoia Polsgrove, 8, greet each other with a hug as they wait outside for the doors to open for the first day of school at Richard Gordon Elementary in Kingston on Tuesday. North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island schools on Tuesday followed South Kitsap and North Mason, which opened last week. The last two districts to start classes, Bremerton and Central Kitsap, will begin the school year on Wednesday.

**Right,** Griffin Shipman, left, shows off his lunchbox to second-grade classmate Henry Cook as the two put their backpacks away in the doorway of Ms. Parkhurst's classroom.

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## Autism project draws over 100 proposals

Initiative announced by Kennedy to mine data

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON – Researchers have submitted more than 100 proposals to participate in the Trump administration's \$50 million study into possible causes of autism, with a list of up to 25 grant winners expected to be announced by the end of September, people with knowledge of the plans told Reuters.

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced the Autism Data Science Initiative in May and put the National Institutes of Health in charge of it. The program aims to mine large datasets to investigate possible contributors to autism and evaluate the outcomes of existing treatments.

Studies chosen for funding might begin to show results in two to three years, according to the government's request for research proposals.

The effort is proceeding separately from a review of vaccine safety commissioned by Kennedy, who has long promoted the idea that vaccines contribute to autism, contrary to scientific evidence. He has promised to announce health policy changes in September "that will dramatically impact the effects" related to autism, without providing details on the data that would support such changes.

A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Human Services, which

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## Chillier temps continue across Midwest, East

But summer warmth persists in Northwest

Doyle Rice  
USA TODAY

With certain parts of the United States experiencing cooling temperatures, many are asking if summer is over. Forecasters say it will definitely stay chilly in the short term.

Indeed, temperatures more common for October will trend as much as 15 degrees Fahrenheit below historical averages, with near-record lows at night for many locations.

Federal forecasters agree with this prediction, noting that "current outlooks for early September favor below-normal

temperatures for much of the Midwest and East," Dan Collins, an extended range forecaster with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, told USA TODAY via e-mail.

However, according to AccuWeather senior meteorologist Chad Merrill, the warmth will return to the East by mid-month: The current cool temperatures should be replaced by above-average temperatures.

Forecasters from the Climate Prediction Center also note that "we are favoring above normal temperatures for much of the Lower 48, including the Midwest and East, over the month of September," meteorologist Anthony Artusa told USA TODAY.

But AccuWeather's Merrill does not foresee a return to any extreme summer-

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