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To Parents, Caregivers, and Staff:

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the summer and preparing for the start of the new school year. Hopefully you spent this summer enjoying outdoor time with your family and friends, perhaps catching up on all those moments that we missed when we were apart due to the pandemic.

We are beginning this school year feeling positive about the return of all of our students, but remaining vigilant with regard to maintaining the safety protocols and procedures that kept us safe last school year. As much as I would have preferred welcoming all of our students and staff back to our buildings with their smiles visible, we have all become proficient in reading the smiles in each other's eyes, and the ones behind our masks.

Many parents have reached out over the summer with questions about what the year will look like. Many of the questions have been answered, or will be in the guidance document that has been created for reopening this school year.

Our 2021-2022 reopening guide provides families in our school community with an overview of our approach to maintain in person instruction for our students this school year. The guide offers insight on physical distancing, our instructional models, the monitoring of rates of transmission, etc. Information is also provided on protocols that will be followed for positive COVID-19 cases or exposures in our buildings and on transportation during the school year. Additional updates to this reopening guide may be required during the school year.

As much as I wish that we were starting a more "ordinary" year, I know that what matters most is not the masks or hand sanitizer, it is this school community and the tenacity it possesses. I remain grateful to all that made last year safe and possible for our students. I know that this year will only be better.

I look forward to see you all soon,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela." with a period at the end.

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