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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the opening of the 2019-2020 school year! We are very excited to welcome students back to school on September 5th. This year is sure to bring opportunities for your child's continued growth and development, and we are thrilled to be part of these significant milestones.

As the summer days begin to wind down and the school year approaches, consider talking with your child about the upcoming school year. Ask him or her to think about June 2020 - I know it seems so far away, but it will be here in less than a year. Consider what your child would like to say when looking back on his or her school year in June. What will s/he have liked to accomplish? What kind of stories would s/he like to tell about the school year? Use this conversation to springboard your child into a positive year of growth and opportunity.

As you look forward to the year, I would also like to extend an invitation for you to join me at my Superintendent Coffee Chats. As I did last year, I will be hosting four (4) meetings where parents can come and hear about various school topics in an informal way - over a cup of coffee! I will bring topics to discuss, but you should also bring a topic you might want to talk about. The meetings will be held according to the following schedule:

- October 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- December 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- April 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

My office will send out reminders prior to each date along with potential topics to be discussed.

New this year will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to attend two (2) Parent Academies. These academies will be opportunities for parents to learn about specific topics relevant to raising a child in the year 2019 and may include guest speakers. The dates are the evenings of October 29, 2019 and January 28, 2020; topics will be forthcoming. Please look for an announcement from my office.

Treasure these last days of summer as the seasons change and the nights get a little cooler. The new school year is sure to bring much anticipation and joy. Our staff will be here to greet students on September 5th.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hart, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools