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## Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! We are very excited to welcome students back to school on September 6th. I find it hard to believe that we are entering the year 2022-2023. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time passes. This year, I'll be sending my older son to Kindergarten, a milestone that I could not imagine just a few short years ago. Now, I've come to embrace the fact that he's older and growing up to be a school-aged boy. I'm hopeful that his teachers will work to inspire deep thinking and thoughtful questions.

Our motto of "Together, inquire and inspire" had me thinking of my Kindergarten-aged son and one of the philosophers I studied back in my college days, John Dewey. Dewey said, "The goal of education is to enable individuals to continue their education." This is the goal - to educate students leaving them wanting even more education. Now - this year - we wish to partner with you, our parents, to leave children with a sense of curiosity. As we move back to a post-COVID normal we can further this important work together. We look forward to your engagement and participation as we inquire and inspire.

Coming up this year, we will partner with you by holding these Superintendent-hosted events alongside our generous HSA. These events are designed to engage families in education, particularly the Parent Academy. The events are as follows and further details will be provided to you as the time draws near. Also be on the lookout for other parent events from your child's school.

- Welcome to New Families Evening: September 15, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.
- Health Curriculum Information Session: September 29, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.
- Budget and Bagels: January 26, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.
- Parent Academy: March 28, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.

In preparation for the new school year our maintenance and custodial crew have worked all summer to ensure children were returning to immaculate buildings. You'll see waxed floors, fresh paint, new furniture, outdoor classroom enhancements, a new roof on HBS, and many more updates. Further communication from building principals will also welcome many new staff members. We're thrilled to have new teachers and support staff join our Readington family.

I look forward to another successful school year where we challenge your children to live purposeful lives with integrity, cultivate a spirit of discovery, and embrace connections in our diverse, global society. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and we'll see you in a few weeks!

Very truly yours,

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