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Welcome Back Palmer Park Preparatory Families -

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I am excited and looking forward to the 2020-2021 academic school year and working with each of you. This year has truly been a unique academic school year, but through the pandemic, distance learning, and transition of leadership, Palmer Park will continue to rise. As the new Principal and instructional leader, I am charged with the responsibility of improving student academic achievement for the Palmer Park scholars. I know this begins with you because the school staff sets the tone for the building. With that being said, the beginning of the school year is fast approaching, and things can rapidly change because it is fluid. However, we must remain informed, engaged, and committed to preparing for the opening of schools for students, staff, and families of Palmer Park.

I am looking forward to collaborating with each of you to ensure that Palmer Park is successful this year. Whether your family has selected Face to Face, Virtual or a Hybrid approach, the goal this year remains the same; to have a laser like focus on improving student academic achievement; provide an exceptional school culture and climate; and create a solid foundation to help support the academic, social, and emotional growth of every child. Thus, we were so happy to see many of you at our Virtual Parent/Student Orientation and at the Connected Futures Deployment at Mumford. If you did not get an opportunity to pick up a device, we will provide one to you very soon. This district initiative will help support all students with their virtual learning platform this year.

Additionally, to provide efficient customer service, this year there will be a few logistical changes to ensure that our school runs more efficiently. There will be two main offices to provide quality service to parents, students, and staff. The main office is where our new Assistant Principal Minnis and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Jennings will be located, and the elementary school office is where Ms. Bivens will be housed. The Principals and Dean of Culture Offices will remain the same. The DHHS & Attendance offices will be relocated to ensure we are effectively social distancing, and to limit the number of visitors in an office at one time. Although this is a unique school year, we will continue to collaborate, engage, and remain focused on student achievement. With that being said, we look forward to sharing valuable information and collaborating with all staff this week through Professional Development for all staff.

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for welcoming me as your new Principal to Palmer Park. I know we will become a beacon of light in the community, and a competitive, high performing school in the **Detroit Public Schools Community District**. It will be an amazing year because #WeAreInThisTogether as #P3APremiers!

Educationally,

Christa Reeves, Principal

Students Rise. We all Rise