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Hello Confluence Academies Parents and Guardians!

To say I am excited about getting this school year started would be a huge understatement! I hope your family has enjoyed the summer, and I imagine you are starting to make plans for the coming school year. Let me assure you that we have been busy with preparations, as well!

As you know, we've been hard at work writing new curriculum, expanding community partnerships, participating in professional development opportunities, and recruiting new students. And, while it seems hard to believe, our entire staff will be back this coming Tuesday, August 6, to get ready for the return of our students. We plan to kick it off in style with an all-staff celebration and then get down to preparing classrooms and collaborating about work in the year ahead.

The network's Strategic Plan continues to guide our work and our concentration remains on the initiatives outlined in that plan. Specifically...

- We will continue our work on *curriculum and advanced course study* ensuring these values are embedded in our schools, classrooms, lessons and the way we interact with one another and our students at every level.
- We know that our students come to us with various levels of ability and need — academically, socially and emotionally — and meeting and developing them from where they are is vital. That being said, I have never before seen a network quite so prepared and dedicated to meeting those needs and the expectations of the families who entrust their children to us.
- We are also dedicated to ensuring that students have the ability to explore their interests and learn in real-world environments. Our curriculum, coursework and opportunities are expanding in these areas and I am excited to see where they lead!
- All the while, in the background, we are also working to ensure our network remains financially sound and that we continue to work toward having learning spaces — at all levels — that prepare our students well for their futures.

Of course, the real celebration will be on August 13 when your students walk into our buildings. I absolutely cannot wait to greet them, shake their hands, and see their faces full of anticipation for the coming year.

The 2019-20 school year is going to be a great one!

Sincerely,

Candice Carter-Oliver, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer