

July 23, 2019

Dear Global Academies Parent and Families:

I can't believe that we are saying **WELCOME BACK** so soon. The summer passes so quickly and even quicker for us at Global Academies. We hope that you are still enjoying the wonderful summer days, nights and your fun filled time with your children. We also hope they are working on their summer packets and/or reading lists.

Global Academies is celebrating 14 years of educating the children in Philadelphia. We have two awesome campuses: Global Leadership Academy West and Global Leadership Academy Southwest. Together we have travelled on a brave journey together and have risen above many challenges. We did not attain the goal of a high school but please know that we have not forgotten of that goal and are looking at other options. With the commitment and support that you have continually demonstrated, we will achieve our future goals.

Global Academies Charter Schools is committed to continual improvement as we embark upon another year of preparing future leaders of the world. Each year we engage in intentional reflection as we look at the past year and we use data surveys to inform our practices. Acknowledging what is developmentally appropriate and based on feedback from our scholars, staff and parents, we are adjusting our instructional day. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, official school hours will be:

**Full Days: 8:00 am-3:30 pm      Half Days: 8:00-1:00 pm**

We are confident that this change will allow us to better serve your scholars. As you make preparations for the new year please keep these times in mind for your before/after school plans. **You will receive information about new bus times at our annual Parent Orientation on August 10, 2019 from 9-1 pm.**

**Dates to remember**

**Parent orientation August 10, 2019 .....9 am-1 pm**

**First Day of School August 19<sup>th</sup> .....Collegiate (Grades 6-8)**

**First day of School August 20<sup>th</sup> .....Legendary Leaders (Grade 3-5)**

**First Day of School August 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Rising Stars (Grades1-2)**

**First day of School August 26<sup>th</sup>.....Rising Stars Kindergarten (8am-1pm)**

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the survey. Your feedback is always important and welcomed. We look forward to a wonderful and productive year at Global Academies. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker, CEO & Executive Director, Global Academies*

*Mrs. Tamika Evans, CEO/Principal, Global Leadership Academy Southwest*

*Ms. Shoshana Tyler , Principal, Global Leadership Academy West*

*Mr. Bar-rae Choice, Assistant Principal*