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Dear North Mianus Families and Staff:

I know you are all just as excited as I am for the new school year to start. All of you in our North Mianus communities have been so resilient while we continue to face the many obstacles we have overcome this past year. Your principal, Angela Schmidt, and her staff are working hard to ensure we have a great school year. And now with the well-respected Kathleen Smith-Ramirez onboard as your new assistant principal heading up our operations at the Stamford campus, there is so much to look forward to.

While our kindergarten, first grade and second grade students remain at the Riverside campus, our students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will jump on shuttle buses for that short trip to the Stamford campus. We look forward to the day where everyone will be back under the same roof, a time that will be here before we know it!

I wanted to update you on the school construction status, where work continues. The project is moving swiftly, and the construction team is doing an outstanding job working hard to get NM back on track for everyone to be in the same building again. As a reminder, this is a large project with every classroom under construction needing a full ceiling replacement. We are also replacing water lines, updating HVAC to four rooms that didn't have service prior, millwork is being fabricated off site, patching and prepping walls for paint, replacing hung ceilings, and light fixtures are being updated via an Eversource incentive plan.

The goal is to move back into NM after the first semester. Once the construction is complete, it will take time to get the certificate of occupancy sign offs to make sure everything is ready to go. Teachers were at both of our locations yesterday, starting the classroom setup process and continuing their professional development. We will update the community with some pictures of the work in the coming weeks. We are grateful to our entire staff who have helped to move and unpack boxes, and get stored items ready for use. Every department has pitched in to get North Mianus ready for school, from trial bus runs over to Stamford, setting up temporary food service, scheduling movers across the district, and so much more. North Mianus teachers showed up positive and ready for students, and we are ready to welcome our students back for a wonderful year.

I am sure you have looked at your school's website for all of your [back to school information](#) including school supply lists, bus routes, bell times, and health forms.

On behalf of our entire team at the GPS Central Office, I want to wish each and every family an exciting and fun school year.

Dr. Toni Jones
Superintendent of Schools