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Dear Purchase School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. I am excited to meet our new families and welcome back those returning to Purchase School. I look forward to seeing all the ways your children will grow over the course of the upcoming school year which starts on September 7.

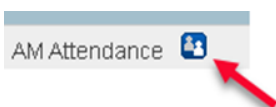
As I begin my ninth year as the principal at Purchase School, I am eager to continue to build on the great work of the faculty and staff to create an environment that supports all of our students in becoming knowledgeable and reflective learners. This work is deepened by our continued commitment to and incorporation of the Primary Years Programme as we become a full International Baccalaureate school district.

Members of our faculty and staff have worked diligently throughout the summer to prepare for the arrival of students this year. This work will ensure an engaging, high quality instructional program that creates curiosity and wonder in each student. Members of the faculty participated in professional development this summer in order to refine their practice and deepen their ability to construct innovative classroom experiences for all students. Teachers took classes focused on literacy and mathematics, as well as working with colleagues to develop rich curricular experiences for the upcoming school year.

It was a joy to see many of our students engaged in District Summer Programs taught by Harrison teachers. Once again, this year's summer programs offered students a variety of enrichment and academic opportunities and provided social experiences to deepen connections with one another. We are excited to continue to build upon these important elements of student growth throughout the upcoming school year.

As the start of the school year approaches, please make note of the following important information:

Class Placement: Your child's class placement is now available on the [parent portal](#). Your child's teacher's name can be found on the main screen when you log in. If you see the image below next to the teacher's name it is a co-teaching class. You can see the co-teacher by clicking on the box.



You must use a desktop browser (ie - Safari, Chrome, etc.) to access placement information. Please note that if you have recently registered for school, it is possible that your information is still being processed and may not display a classroom teacher at this time. Please continue to check the parent portal in the coming days for updated information.

Parent Portal: You will receive an email from the District with a reminder to access your parent portal account in order to update or confirm contact and emergency information, as well as read and acknowledge important school documents. This information must be updated every year and is important for effective school to home communication. Please update your information using the online parent portal as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 22nd.

Supply Lists: Supply lists for each grade level can be found by clicking on the supply list tab on the school's [webpage](#).

Arrival/Dismissal:

Arrival: Student arrival is between 8:00 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. Students arriving by car will enter through the multi-purpose room lobby doors. Students arriving by bus will enter through the bus circle.

Dismissal: Students being picked up each day will exit through the multi-purpose room lobby doors at 3:05 p.m. Students taking the bus will be supervised in the gymnasium until their bus arrives. Please review important parking information located on the school's [webpage](#).

School Calendar: We are excited to hold many school activities and events throughout the year, which are listed on the [District Calendar](#). Please make note, the first PTA meeting is on September 13th at 9:15 a.m. and the Purchase School Open House on September 14th at 6:45 p.m. I encourage you to attend these and all school events, many of which are sponsored by our PTA.

Food Service: Information regarding the school district's food service program including details about how to set up your child's lunch account may be found on the district's webpage using this [link](#).

In the coming days you will receive an introductory letter from your child's teacher and important information from the Purchase School PTA in the mail.

The faculty, staff, and I look forward to an engaging and rewarding school year with your children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email at guttermana@harrisoncsd.org or phone at 914-630-3170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Gutterman", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam Gutterman
Purchase School Principal