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Dear DeKalb County School District Community,

It is an honor to serve as the Chief of Schools for DeKalb County School District. Our schools are not just buildings; they are thriving communities where scholars learn, grow, and prepare for their futures. Every day, our dedicated educators, staff, and leaders work tirelessly to create safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments that empower scholars to reach their full potential.

At DeKalb County School District, we believe strong leadership is the foundation of scholar success. Our school leaders are committed to fostering cultures of excellence, equity, and innovation. Through collaboration, professional development, and a shared vision for academic achievement, we strive to ensure that every student receives a high-quality education that prepares them for college, career, and beyond.

Education is a partnership—one that thrives when schools, families, and the broader community work together. Your engagement and support are essential as we build brighter futures for our scholars. I encourage you to stay connected, get involved, and celebrate the many successes of our schools throughout the year.

We acknowledge both the challenges and opportunities ahead, and we stand with you on this journey. Through collaboration, creativity, and an unwavering commitment to our scholars, we will continue to make a meaningful and lasting impact. Our Leadership Development and Professional Learning Departments remain dedicated to building strong leaders and providing impactful learning experiences that drive continuous growth across our district.

Additionally, our Seven Area Teams are deeply invested in coaching and supporting our schools, ensuring that every educator has the resources and professional development needed to excel. This collective effort presents a powerful opportunity to elevate teaching and learning across all of our schools.

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and steadfast belief in the power of education. Together, we will create meaningful change and lasting impact across our district. I look forward to supporting our schools and celebrating our collective successes throughout the year.

Stay engaged with our progress by checking our District website for updates, attending district events, and engaging and supporting our school communities.

With gratitude and commitment,
Champion Michelle Dillard
Chief of Schools
DeKalb County School District



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