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Dear Laurel Public Schools Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! On behalf of the Laurel Public Schools Student Services Department, we are excited to welcome both returning and new students and families. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Our Student Services Department is committed to supporting the diverse needs of all students by providing high-quality programs and services that promote academic achievement, independence, and overall well-being. Our team works collaboratively with families, teachers, administrators, and community partners to provide individualized supports that help every student reach their full potential.

The Student Services Department oversees a variety of programs and services, including:

- Special Education Services (IDEA)
- Section 504 Services
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
- Child Find
- Speech-Language Services
- Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Vision Services, including Braille and Orientation & Mobility
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- School Nursing and Health Services
- Transition Services (ages 14–22)
- Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education
- Foster Care Support
- Medicaid Billing
- Related Services
- Private School and Homeschool
- Behavioral and Social-Emotional Supports

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success. Parents and guardians are valued members of every educational team, and we encourage open communication throughout the school year. Whether you have questions about your child's educational program, health services, evaluations, accommodations, or available resources, we are here to help.

As we begin the new school year, we ask families to help us by ensuring that all required paperwork is completed and returned promptly. This includes updating emergency contact information, medical forms, medication authorizations, and any annual documentation required for Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, or health care plans.

If you have concerns about your child's academic progress, development, communication, behavior, or health needs, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Student Services Department. Early communication allows us to work together to provide appropriate supports and interventions.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust in Laurel Public Schools. It is a privilege to serve our students and families, and we look forward to a successful and rewarding 2026–2027 school year.

We wish your family a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth, and success!

Sincerely,

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