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Chief Leschi Schools

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Dear Secondary Families,

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year. We're excited to welcome our students and families back to Chief Leschi Secondary and to begin another year of learning, growth, and community. I hope everyone has had a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer. I'm grateful to continue serving this community because of the strength, resilience, culture, and care our students, families, and staff bring to Chief Leschi every day.

This year, our focus is on helping every secondary student understand what is expected, why it matters, and how to take the next step toward graduation and life beyond Chief Leschi. That means pairing strong instruction with consistent support, meaningful relationships, and opportunities for students to build confidence, independence, and a clear sense of purpose. I'm committed to leading a school where students are known, challenged, supported, and prepared to contribute to their families, their community, and their future.

Clear and consistent communication between school and home is essential to student success. Please reach out to us when you have questions, concerns, or information that may help us better support your student. We ask that questions begin with the staff member closest to the situation whenever possible, and our administrative team is available when additional support or clarification is needed. We're committed to listening, responding, and working through concerns together. You can reach us via ParentSquare, email, or at our main office line at 253-445-6000.

Please join us for our Student, Family, & Staff Meet & Greet on the evening of Tuesday, August 25. This will be an opportunity to meet staff, reconnect with our school community, and ensure students are ready for a strong start. Additional details are included with the back-to-school information accompanying this letter.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26. Strong attendance matters from the very first day, and we ask families to help students arrive on time, prepared, and ready to engage. As a reminder, we are now starting at 9:00 AM, with doors the 4-Seasons opening at 8:30 AM.

We look forward to seeing you on August 25 and welcoming students back on August 26.

Sincerely,

Blake Baird

Secondary Principal

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