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Dear Purchase School Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope your family enjoyed a fun and restful summer. As I begin my first year as the principal of Purchase School, I am honored to join this wonderful school community. I look forward to getting to know our students and families and to supporting your child's growth, learning, and experiences throughout the school year. Our first day of school is Wednesday, September 2.

It has been an exciting and productive summer at Purchase as we prepare to welcome our students back to school. Throughout the summer, members of our faculty and staff have been preparing for the year ahead, with teachers participating in, and in some cases leading, professional development designed to strengthen the personalized and rigorous instructional program we provide for every child. As part of this summer learning, our faculty continued to deepen their understanding and implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). Their professional learning included deepening concept-based inquiry, designing language-rich learning environments, and strengthening classroom community and collaboration. At the heart of these efforts is our commitment to creating classrooms in which students are curious and engaged, think deeply, ask meaningful questions, collaborate with others, and make connections across their learning. I am grateful to join a school community with such a strong commitment to its students, and I look forward to building on the many strengths that make Purchase School such a special place to learn and grow.

Construction also progressed throughout the summer. Our main lobby underwent renovations, including the installation of our new terrazzo floor. The school's fire alarm and intercom systems were also upgraded to enhance safety and communication throughout the building. Exterior work has also continued, including the installation of the new roof on the Purchase addition and ongoing work on the façade. I will continue to provide construction updates throughout the school year.

Below is important school and district information to help your family prepare for the start of the school year. Please review it carefully.

Parent Portal: You will receive an email from the District with instructions on how to access your Parent Portal account, update or confirm contact and emergency information, and read and acknowledge important school documents. This information must be reviewed and updated each year

and is essential to effective school-to-home communication. Please update your information using the online portal as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, September 18**.

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 the icon shown below appears next to your child's teacher, your child has been placed in a co-taught classroom. Click the icon to view the co-teacher's name.



Please use a web browser, such as Safari or Chrome, to access the Parent Portal and view your child's placement information. If your child was recently registered, the placement information may still be processing, and a classroom teacher may not yet appear. Please continue to check the portal in the coming days for updated information.

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

Arrival/Dismissal:

Arrival: Students may arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. All students will enter through the side gymnasium door along Purchase Street. A staff member will be stationed at the door during arrival. Families are requested to say goodbye at the school door rather than accompanying children to their classrooms. Our staff will take it from there!

Dismissal: To help the first few days run smoothly, please make sure both your child and their teacher know your child's dismissal plan.

Pick-up locations and dismissal times for students are as follows:

Grade	Pick-up Location	Time
Kindergarten	Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle	2:55
First Grade	Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle	3:05
Second Grade	Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle	2:55
Third Grade	Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street	3:05
Fourth Grade	Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street	2:55
Fifth Grade	Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street	3:05

Please be prepared to show photo identification at dismissal, particularly during the first few weeks as teachers get to know families.

Students taking the bus will be supervised in the gymnasium and dismissed to their buses. **Please review important parking, arrival, and dismissal information located on the school's [web page](#).** Please note that, due to construction, dismissal may take slightly longer than in previous years. We appreciate your patience as we work to safely dismiss all students.

As a reminder, dogs and other pets are not permitted on school grounds, including during arrival and dismissal. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

School Calendar: Many activities and events are planned throughout the school year. You can find important dates and details on the [District Calendar](#). We hope you will join us for the Purchase School Open House on September 16 at 6:45 p.m. and our first PTA meeting on September 17 at 9:15 a.m. Your participation is an important part of the strong partnership between home and school that defines the Purchase community.

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 web page 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.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. The faculty, staff, and I are excited to welcome our students back and begin a year of meaningful learning, strong relationships, and joyful experiences together. Please know that I am always available if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me by email at rinaldoj@harrisoncsd.org or by phone at 914-630-3172.

Sincerely,

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