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Dear Dartmouth Families,

We hope your summer has included occasions to rest, reconnect, and enjoy time together. As we prepare to welcome students back on Wednesday, September 2nd for the 2026–2027 school year, we are filled with optimism about the opportunities ahead for them and for our school community.

The start of a new school year can bring a wide range of emotions. For some students, it is a return to familiar routines, teachers, and friends. For others, it marks the beginning of a new school, a new program, or an entirely new chapter. Whatever this transition looks like for your family, please know that our faculty and staff are preparing thoughtfully to ensure every student feels welcomed, supported, and ready to learn.

Our schools are strongest when students know that the adults in their lives are working together on their behalf. The partnership between home and school plays an essential role in helping them feel confident, connected, and encouraged. Your insight, communication, and involvement help us better understand and respond to each student's individual needs.

During the year ahead, we will continue to focus on strong teaching and learning practices, safe and supportive school environments, meaningful family engagement, and the responsible use of district resources. These priorities guide our work, but their impact is most visible in the daily experiences of our students: engaging lessons, caring relationships, new opportunities, and schools where every student feels known and valued.

We also recognize that success looks different for every student. Academic growth is important, but so are curiosity, confidence, perseverance, kindness, and a sense of belonging. Our goal is to help students discover their strengths, navigate challenges with confidence, and recognize the possibilities available to them.

Open and respectful communication will remain an important part of our work together. We encourage you to stay connected with your student's teachers and school, ask questions, share concerns, and celebrate progress throughout the year. A student's school experience is shaped by the many people who encourage, guide, challenge, and believe in them along the way.

Thank you for the trust you place in the Dartmouth Public Schools and for the many ways you support your students and our school community. Your partnership makes a meaningful difference, and we are grateful to begin another year alongside you.

Warm regards,

Together with students, staff, families, and community, we are committed to cultivating a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment that empowers all students to become compassionate, informed, and contributing members of our local and global community.