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Dear Maryland Avenue Families,

Welcome back Maryland Avenue! I am excited to begin another school year with your families! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning families, as well as many new families.

Maryland Avenue is a wonderful learning community with a tradition of excellence. I feel privileged to be part of such a dedicated staff like this, one that is focused on and committed to student learning. I intend to continue to support and contribute to the learning environment. As we move into this school year, you will notice our classrooms focusing on student collaboration, providing evidence, having students explain their thinking, increased rigor of reading material, academic vocabulary, non-fiction and opinion writing.

I have always loved the beginning of a new school year. It is an exciting time filled with new friendships and many possibilities to learn and grow. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for new learning opportunities. I am confident that the 2017-2018 school year is going to be a success!

At Maryland Avenue, we believe that educating a child is truly a partnership between home and school. Working together, a school and a family will have the greatest impact on a child's success in school. There are many ways you can help your child be successful in school this year, including communicating with your child's teacher on a regular basis, supporting classroom expectations at home, reading to or with your child at home, and helping with homework. We invite all parents to be involved by joining our PTA, attending school functions such as Back-to-School Night and Open House, and attending parent-teacher conferences. Volunteers are always welcome at Maryland Avenue. Our goal is to work together to ensure student success.

I look to this school year with all of you and earning your trust and respect as we work together. My door is always open. Please feel free to stop by or contact me with any questions, praise, or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

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