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Dear National School District Families,

I want to personally welcome you to the new school year. The 2023-2024 academic year is set to begin on Monday, July 24, 2023, and we are excited to have you with us.

Our theme for this year is **Strive**. Championship teams are driven by a purpose that transcends winning. Champions 'strive together' to achieve the ultimate goal of success. To that end, we will be continuing our focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, as they provide a meaningful framework for building a better, more sustainable future for our students.

Every student has the potential for greatness, and our goal is to prepare them for future careers in our community. Therefore, I am thrilled to announce the launch of our new district-wide Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) program consisting of computer science/robotics and theater arts. We will also continue our environmental and art-based community partner programs. These programs are designed to promote active engagement in school and beyond.

Studies have shown that consistent attendance leads to higher academic achievement. Please check our District website at [www.nsd.us](http://www.nsd.us) for the specific start and end times of your assigned school. Unless your child is unwell, they should be present at school each day. To support our families, we offer free before and after school programs, as well as complimentary breakfast and lunch for all students.

Over the summer, our staff have been hard at work to enhance the learning environment for our students including deep cleaning classrooms, upgrading facilities and playgrounds, and installing new furniture with flexible options and ergonomic comfort. In ensuring the safety and well-being of our entire school community, all staff members have completed district-wide safety training to reassure that our campuses are as safe as possible for students, staff, and visitors.

Finally, we hope that you will consider volunteering either on a committee or in your child's classroom this year. We believe that a collaborative partnership between parents and the school fosters an environment where children can flourish.

Thank you for choosing National School District. We can't wait to see you all on Monday!

Warm regards,

*Dr. Leighangela Brady*

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