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Dear Wonderful Warrior Family,

Our 2021-22 school year has gotten off to a great start with a lot of summer planning! It's hard to believe that students have not been able to collectively enter our school doors in a year and a half! Can you believe it? Although last year brought about many challenges, we pushed through! Our students showed up ready to learn and collectively we became more innovative and technologically savvy as a result of our students and families depending on us.

This year will be unlike any other year, as this is our year to show just how strong we are at academic, cultural, operational resiliency! All summer long, we have been gearing up and preparing for your arrival. Unlike the past two school years, students will sit for assessments such as PARCC and SAT and while we have made some gains in those areas during the pre-pandemic years, we still have much work to do as it pertains to accelerating scholar learning.

Our school is counted among those showing a need for improvement, and by having a laser focus on standards-based instruction, our students will grow and demonstrate mastery even more! More than ever, this is the year for us to show our students, families, and the communities we serve that our formula for addressing the needs of the whole child is sound and that we are moving in the right direction. There will be pivots along the way as we continue to grow and learn; however, overall, our approach to assessment development, analysis, and action planning will prove to be solid.

It will be imperative that we stay focused on delivering high quality instruction using data-driven practices as well as working and growing as a collective body without deviation. Throughout the school year, we will use data in a very strategic manner to help us better understand and inform our daily practices. Being strategic will help us understand where students are excelling, having challenges, and needing additional supports.

I cannot wait to see you soon. Until then, take care!

Sincerely,

William E. Massey

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