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Dear Cayuga Parents/Guardians,

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

I hope that everyone had a great summer. We are excited to welcome back all of our students and families. This letter contains some important information for the beginning of our 2023-2024 school year.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. Please note that we will be operating on an early dismissal schedule of 11:54 AM for KINDERGARTEN ONLY for the first 5 days, September 5th through September 11th. All other students will be dismissed at our regular dismissal time of 2:54 PM.

During the first week of school our front gate will open at 8:00 AM We will have staff available to assist students and families find their teachers. Starting on Monday, September 11th, the front gate will open at our regular time of 8:10 AM. Please do not drop off your child prior to 8:10 AM as there will not be any adult supervision prior to that time.

While we pride ourselves in welcoming our parents as partners in the educational process, and we truly want you to feel welcomed in the building, per our security protocols, parents will not be able to enter the building with their child. We are respectfully requesting that you depart from the school premises after your child enters the building.

We encourage you to join us in the schoolyard to take pictures and greet our staff. As mentioned above, we will have plenty of staff on hand to assist the children once they enter the building, and your cooperation will greatly help us commemorate the start of the school year smoothly.

Breakfast and lunch will be served daily to all students. We have three lunch periods: 11:00 AM Kindergarten and 3rd grade, 11:50 AM 1st grade and 4th grade, 12:40 PM 2nd grade and 5th grade.

Cayuga's Back-to-School Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th. Be on the lookout for a flier-during the first week of school-with more information.

Please make sure you sign up for a parent portal account, follow us on Twitter: @cayugacougars and ClassDojo to stay in touch with us throughout the school year. The staff and I truly look forward to a wonderful year of collaboration to attain our collective goal of ensuring that every student achieves to his/her full academic potential.

Sincerely,

Jason Carrión

Jason Carrión, Principal