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Dear Members of the School 30 Learning Community,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope this letter finds you well, and that you have enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer break. As we prepare to embark on another exciting academic year, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all our students, both returning and new.

At School 30, we are committed to providing a nurturing and challenging environment where every student can thrive. As each school year begins in early September, there is such optimism and excitement. The start of every school year can be compared to a seed that is planted in the late fall, but blossoms in the spring and turns into a beautiful mosaic.

As part of our School Comprehensive Educational Plan, the following are our Four Commitments for continuous student achievement:

Commitment #1: Reduce chronic absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism undermines our mission to provide every student with a quality education and equitable opportunities for growth and achievement. Our goal is to improve upon our 93% attendance rate from last year. The health and safety of our students remains our top priority. We have implemented updated protocols to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment.

Commitment #2: Teaching and learning that will establish grade level consistency

Through professional development at the school and district levels, our focus is to increase student engagement and develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through Inquiry-Based Learning and Project-Based Learning. Our continued investment in technology will provide students with the tools they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Commitment #3: Data driven culture

We strive to create a culture that supports the needs of students to decrease the achievement gap and ensure academic success for all students. Through the use of Personalized, Active, and Collaborative Learning all stakeholders will become empowered with the necessary tools and information to make informed decisions that address the unique needs of each student.

Commitment #4: Recognizing and showcasing the diverse cultures and backgrounds of our students

Classroom teachers will create instructional lessons related to making personal connections to students' lives. Students will be active participants in learning about future opportunities through exploration of career and college readiness.

As we look forward to the new school year, I encourage you to be actively involved in your child's education. Our partnership is crucial to their success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our administrative team with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in School 30. Together, we can make this a successful and memorable year for all our students. Visit our School 30 website: www.yonkerspublicschools.org/ps30 and follow us on our social media platforms on Instagram, X, and Threads.

Warm regards,

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