**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



Greetings HA Families. Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Heritage Academy. We have worked hard all summer to plan for a safe opening of school and to implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19. With the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as a top priority, we are consistently engaging in preventive and protective measures to preserve the health of our school family. Our schools have seen significant change over the past year with challenges we could not have imagined. We cannot thank you enough for partnering with us during these challenging times. This first month of school had a great deal of focus on health and safety but we have also been busy building a collaborative and welcoming environment that nurtures the development of meaningful relationships for students and staff, and striving to provide a learning environment that is inclusive of academic rigor, SEL support, character building and community involvement. These values are extremely important as we continue to move forward into the new school year and help children develop and grow to meet academic goals. I can assure you that we are ready and resilient for what lies ahead. There is a question that is asked at every Atlanta Falcons Game that speaks to what's possible to accomplish as a team: What Do Falcons Do? The answer in the stadium is always, “Rise Up!” Well, I have the same sentiments about our school community. What Do Eagles Do? We Soar Higher! As we adjust to starting school with an earlier schedule of in-person learning, we encourage you to send your children to school each and every day on time but remain safe and vigilant. School begins at 7:45am. Let's work together to ensure that we have a successful school year despite the challenges that arise and Soar Higher!