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John Lewis Invictus Academy

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Dear John Lewis Invictus Academy Families,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! It is my hope that you have spent quality time with family and friends over summer break and made some lasting memories. I am extremely

proud to serve as the Interim Principal of this amazing school this year. Although this is my first year serving as principal, I have been part of this incredible staff since 2018 serving in various leadership capacities. I am elated to work alongside a passionate group of scholars, educators, families, and community members to bring our

school to the next level!

We will be **#INTENTIONAL** this year in all our actions and renew our commitment to *excellence.* We are focused on continuous improvement in teaching, learning, and all facets of our school. The teachers and staff are ready to welcome back our scholars to engage in meaningful learning experiences. Our dedicated teachers have engaged in summer professional learning and curriculum planning sessions. In addition, they are creating welcoming and inviting classrooms in preparation for Day 1 and beyond.

Our top priority is ensuring that we have a safe learning environment. It is evident that a strong, vibrant culture exists at John Lewis Invictus Academy. We will continue to remove barriers that hinder the academic success of our scholars with our Care Team, Student Attendance Committee (SAC), Second Steps Social Emotional Learning curriculum, academic/behavior incentives, and wrap around services. Additionally, our community partners are ready to support our efforts in serving scholars and their families. I am confident that the

collaborative efforts of all stakeholders will ensure that we have a productive and enriching school year.

Furthermore, we are continuing our work with personalized learning, targeted instruction, and STEAM programming. We will continue to provide scholars with opportunities to address academic deficiencies and build numeracy and literacy skills. The use of intervention programs in their ELA/Humanities classes, Math classes and small group instruction have been effective instructional strategies that have resulted in academic growth that we will continue to employ. After school tutorials will also be offered throughout the week as

additional support for scholars.

I look forward to engaging with you this year as I lead our school with **P.R.I.D.E**. As always, we welcome our families to partner with us on this wonderful journey. You are cordially invited to the following upcoming

school events to kick off the 2023-2024 school year:

* ***APS Back to School BASH*-Saturday, July 22nd, 9 am- 1 pm (Georgia World Congress Center)**
* **Open House-Monday, July 31st, 1 pm- 3 pm**
* **First Day of School-Tuesday, August 1st @ 8:45 am**

Please reach out to me via email or by phone at any time with questions or concerns. Kind regards,

Donna Davis

Interim Principal