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Dear Academic and Parent Community,

Welcome to the new school year. As we prepare to begin this journey together, we are reminded that education is not only about academic achievement but about transformation. This year, we anchor our shared purpose in the words of civil rights activist Grace Lee Boggs:

"To make a revolution, people must not only struggle against existing institutions. They must make a philosophical or spiritual leap and become more human human beings. In order to change or transform the world, they must change or transform themselves."

This quote challenges and inspires us. It calls us to look beyond systems and routines and to embrace the deeper work of becoming more compassionate, more curious, and more connected human beings. It reminds us that the transformation we wish to see in the world whether in education, in our communities, or in our children, begins with us.

As we welcome our students back to classrooms filled with possibility, we recommit to fostering a school culture where:

- **Learning is meaningful**, and every child is known, seen, and supported.
- **Relationships are the foundation**, because connection precedes content.
- **Growth is not only academic, but also emotional and social**, because the heart and mind learn together.
- **Families are partners**, and your voices, hopes, and dreams are central to all we do.

This school year, we move forward not with routines, but with *resolve* to be more intentional in our practices, more empathetic in our relationships, and more courageous in our leadership. Together, we are not just preparing students for the future; we are shaping the present with purpose and love.

Join us Friday, August 1, 2025, at 9:00am – 11:00am for CCES Open House and looking forward to starting the year with perfect attendance DAY 1, Monday, August 4, 2025.

Let's make this year a testament to what is possible when a community grows forward *together increasing life chances*.

With gratitude and excitement,

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