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Dear Tiger Families,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year at Crawford Long Middle School! As we reflect on the many successes of last school year, we are filled with pride and gratitude. From academic growth to memorable performances, family events, and school-wide celebrations, our scholars, staff, and families made 2024–2025 a truly outstanding year.

Looking ahead, we're even more excited about what's in store. A special welcome goes out to our new 6th grade scholars—we're thrilled to have you join the Tiger Den and can't wait to see your journey unfold at Long!

**The first day of school is Monday, August 4, 2025**, and we're looking forward to starting strong. Be sure to join us for the following events to help prepare for a successful start:

- **Open House** – *Friday, August 1, 2025*
- **Back to School Festival** – *Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lakewood Stadium*

To support a positive and professional learning environment, please take note of our school uniform policy for the 2025–2026 school year:

- **6th Grade:** Yellow/Gold shirts with black or khaki bottoms
- **7th Grade:** Black shirts with black or khaki bottoms
- **8th Grade:** White shirts with black or khaki bottoms

In alignment with Atlanta Public Schools Board policy, this year our scholars will be learning in a distraction-free environment. Cell phones and other personal electronic devices (PEDs) will not be allowed during instructional time. Violations of this policy will be addressed according to district guidelines.

At Crawford Long, our dedicated team of educators is committed to unlocking the full potential of every student. While we know the school year may bring its challenges, we are confident that—with your partnership—we will achieve great success together.

Here's how you can support your scholar this year:

- Ensure your child attends school regularly and on time
- Stay in close communication with teachers and staff
- Encourage timely homework completion and academic responsibility
- Prioritize healthy routines and rest, especially during testing
- Join us for performances, celebrations, and family engagement events
- Participate in school and district parent involvement opportunities
- Keep your contact information up to date in the Parent Portal

We truly value your involvement because we know that student success starts with strong support at home. Together, we can continue to build a nurturing, high-achieving school community where every Tiger scholar thrives.

Thank you for choosing Crawford Long Middle School. Welcome back, Tiger Families—let's make 2025–2026 our best year yet!

Sincerely,

*Carla McCall-McCou*

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