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Dear Morningside Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we enter the last few weeks of the first semester when we return from Thanksgiving Break. I am writing to share an important update regarding our safety focus on the MES campus. In the next few weeks, an extension of the fence along East Rock Springs will be installed up the side of the ramp leading to the walker pad, allowing us to limit exterior access to the classrooms along East Rock Springs. The ramp to the walker pad will not be affected, and we will still have full access to that ramp. Additionally, in the coming weeks, there will be an extension to the fence that runs along Fordham Court and along the back of the driveway to extend around the perimeter of the entire front field.

I recognize that a fence extension presents a change in our community's traditional access to the open field. Morningside has long valued being a welcoming and connected neighborhood school, and I know that many families have enjoyed the openness of this space over the years. Please know, however, that this decision was not an easy one, and was made thoughtfully with our students' safety and security as the top priority. Although we are nestled in an amazing neighborhood, it is important to keep in mind that we are truly an urban school, located in the heart of Midtown Atlanta, and as such, safety concerns arise with open access to APS property.

Without a secure perimeter, the safety of our students is compromised. The current openness of the field has limited our ability to fully and confidently use this space with our students for outdoor instruction in PE as well as for other outdoor play. Extending the fence will allow us to create a safer, more predictable environment that supports the needs of all students. The extension of the fence will mimic the current design along Fordham Court.

I appreciate your understanding and partnership as we make this important improvement to our campus, along with the other investments in safety and security that have been made over the last two years. Our goal is always to provide a safe learning environment where every child can thrive, and this enhancement is an essential step in supporting that commitment.

As always, I thank you for your continued support of Morningside and our students.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Baron'.

Brian Baron
Principal