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Good Day Washington Family!

As we embark on another school year, I remain excited and committed to ensuring we continue to RISE with a spirit of excellence. Undoubtedly, this year greets us with twists and turns that will require us all to develop new skills as teachers and learners. The good news is: the entire Booker T. Washington High School faculty shares an unwavering belief in the potential of our students. Our belief in our students guides our daily habits and practices.

Every year we graduate students who are prepared to engage the world in new thought, new creativity and new practices. The “**Washington Scholar**” possesses unique and uncommon characteristics. At Washington, we don’t just prepare our students to attain their high school diploma but we fervently believe in providing them with the tools to lead a healthy and productive life. I think it’s important that you know that I value the unlimited possibilities that come with a solid education. My hope is to pass the gift of a high quality education on to as many students as I can in my lifetime. I also believe in providing genuine and sustainable academic opportunities for all of our students. Much of the change in services and courses you’ll notice at Washington stems from our pursuit of academic excellence.

In 1924, the opening of Booker T. Washington High School represented the realization of a dream! Students came from all over the southeastern United States to get the opportunity to receive a secondary education. Washington was known as a place of refuge and education. The dream of Booker T. Washington High School has supported the academic growth of an underserved population-African American youth- for nearly a century. Today, we proudly educate students of all races with the same level of hopefulness and optimism that our forefathers had 96 years ago. We have built systems to support learners of diverse backgrounds and varied ability levels. I am honored to be able to do this important work in this season.

I imagine starting the 2020-21 school year in the middle of a global pandemic creates the same level of anxiety for you as it does for me. Please know, we SHALL Rise even in this season... One Week, One Day, One Hour, One Minute and One Moment at a time....Together.

Here’s to a great year with limitless possibilities!

Much Love,

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