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Dear Parents/Guardians:

“Involved parents – Successful students”

Once school begins the pace of family life increases as does the degree of parental involvement. Whether you have one child or many children, the earlier in your child’s educational process your involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. When you are involved students have: higher grades, test scores and graduation rates; better school attendance; increased motivation and better self-esteem; lower rates of suspension and fewer instances of disruptive behavior. I’m certain I am telling you some things you already know, but I believe that this message is an important one for our school district and for you.

I encourage you to participate in a sustained way – in both an advocacy and decision-making role, as well as fundraisers, volunteers and home teachers. Your high expectations of student performance is the most consistent predictor of academic achievement. As a school district, we will work to create an environment that supports your involvement and provides a welcoming attitude to your entrance into our buildings. When parents are involved, this reinforces the view in a student’s mind that school and home are connected and that both are actively involved in student success.

Communicating through conversations at home that are centered on what happens at school will produce positive results. As you model the value of learning and self-discipline and demonstrate that achievement comes from working hard, your student(s) will benefit immensely. We are always there to work with you – to assist in the challenging process of parenting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynda J. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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