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Dear Alice Harte Families:

I extend a very warm welcome to all of you as we officially begin the 2021-2022 school year! It has been months since we could join together in the corridors of schools to have a lively conversation in classrooms and beyond. I am looking forward to a year of joy, health and safety, communication, deep learning, and collaboration. We have many things to celebrate!

We will see changes in many things this year, beginning with different schedules and routines in our schools and new ways of interacting. I want to assure you that we have spent several months planning your return and establishing safety and health guidelines to ensure the best possible experience for your scholars' return while we are still amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The school will seem familiar and, at the same time, different. We will do whatever we need to support each family to identify what works and improve what does not. We have all had to learn, to some extent, how to deal with uncertainty. AH has an outstanding staff and school community, and we will work together through whatever comes our way. Furthermore, we will thrive, of this I am sure.

In addition to establishing learning expectations, I want to stress that we will spend the first 30 days or so of school prioritizing the well-being of students and staff. We recognize how challenging the transition back to school might be for many, if not all, and we want to make sure that our students and families feel welcomed and embraced. There will be time spent on education around health and safety guidelines, daily routines, and many conversations around social-emotional well-being. We want to know how our students are doing and anything else that will help us provide the best environment for all Alice Harte families. We care deeply about all members of our school community and are committed to ensuring their well-being.

I think very highly of our families and consider myself fortunate to be this school's leader. When I look at the landscape ahead, I am eager to support each student and family. There is so much to be said for the power of empathy, love, and humanity. I am happy to begin this school year with all of you. Let us make it a great one!

My very best to you,

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