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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 school year. The start of each school year brings much excitement, energy, and perhaps even some trepidation. We all feel this excitement in different ways. Students look forward to seeing friends, some of whom they may not have seen since late June, and are excited about all that the new school year will bring. Parents and guardians are happy to see their children off for the start of another successful school year, yet are amazed at how fast their children are growing. Even teachers, re-energized from vacation and summer professional learning, may be trying to tame those nervous butterflies as the first day of school approaches.

Late last school year and over the course of the summer, I reflected on what it will take for us to continue the progress we have made recently. I have listened carefully to the feedback from educators, parents and guardians from across all of our schools. In order for us to continue to build on the gains we have made as a school district, we are committing ourselves to strengthening community, collaboration, and communication.

Building community, deepening collaboration and improving communication, when done well, have the potential to profoundly shape how our schools operate. By focusing on community, collaboration, and communication, we will strengthen academic achievement for all learners, build strong social emotional supports in our schools, empower educators and principals to make wise school-based decisions, and develop long-term fiscal plans that support our schools. Most importantly, we will be better able to unlock the talents and gifts of each and every one of our students, providing the foundation that each of them needs in order to realize their full potential and achieve the dreams they have for themselves and for their future.

In our public schools walk the scientists, researchers, educators, doctors, artists and political leaders of the future. What we know, and what makes Brookline special, is that we do not need to look to the future to see leadership. We see advocacy, leadership, innovation, and student-led change today - in our classrooms, in our schools, and across our community.

I am honored, humbled, and excited to work with you and our incredible team of educators, staff, administrators, and school leaders as we work together to harness that advocacy and leadership to continuously improve our school district. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

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