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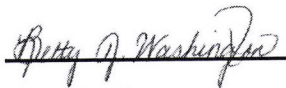
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I am so excited to begin this school year with you as we work in partnership to ensure that we provide optimal instruction for Every Student, Every Day. We recognize that our students have to be actively engaged in rigorous learning experiences while developing social-emotional skills that will foster resilience, perseverance, empathy, and the ability to collaborate and communicate in a diverse learning and work community. With the assistance from each and every faculty and staff, we know that this is achievable. As we begin this new school year, I wish everyone the greatest success as we embark on this educational journey for 2018-2019.

This school year our department will continue to focus on (1) Results, (2) Performance and (3) Preparation. Even though our results have been acceptable in some areas, we still have lots of work to do. We must use this momentum to propel even more students forward by improving teaching and learning. The educational performance of our students will be continuously monitored. We do acknowledge that preparation is the key to achieving optimal performance and realizing the results we need to see. To this end, professional development opportunities will be offered throughout the school year. Some of the professional development will be optional, some will be required. This is necessary in order to help our students' perform better in order to decrease the gaps in learning.

There's lots of work to do, work that requires commitment, focus and collaboration. I know that we can meet all of our goals because we have faculty and staff who believe in the promise of educational excellence. Finally, I would like to personally thank each of you for your commitment to ensuring that the Department of Special Services remains a celebrated and successful department. I look forward to visiting you in your classrooms and hearing about all of the wonderful things that are happening. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

In closing, have a great school year!



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