

Dear Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Families, Students, and Staff,

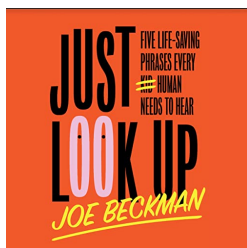
As we begin another exciting school year at DGF, I want to share some of the key priorities that will guide our work together. Our focus is on supporting students, staff, and families while ensuring our schools remain strong, safe, and successful for years to come.

One of our top priorities this year is supporting the passage of the **\$500 per student Operating Referendum**. This measure is critical to preserving class sizes, programs, and services that directly benefit our students. Throughout the fall, we will provide clear and transparent communication through fact sheets, flyers, presentations, and community conversations. We remain committed to being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds while continuing to enhance opportunities for our students.

Equally important is our focus on **student learning, engagement, and well-being**. We will continue to strengthen core instruction, expand opportunities in career and technical education, and prepare students for their future through college and career readiness. This year, we are also proud to launch our **new MTSS Interventionists program**, designed to provide additional support so every student can succeed.

We also recognize that strong schools rely on dedicated staff. That's why we are investing in **staff support, retention, and growth** by providing high-quality professional development and fostering a positive school culture that values staff voice, leadership, and well-being.

Finally, we will continue to prioritize **safe, efficient, and effective operations**. This includes maintaining welcoming learning environments, supporting student transportation, ensuring facility upkeep, and preserving essential programs.



The administration's book study this year will be Just Look Up, by Joe Beckman. Combining humor, authenticity, and heart, Joe Beckman shares five specific phrases he believes all kids **(and adults)** need to hear. The result is a refreshing, authentic, and down-to-earth approach to finding self-worth(Love You), resilience(Push Through), confidence(Fail On), joy(Yeah Toast), and maybe most importantly, human connection(Just Look Up).

I invite you to stay connected and get involved with the many groups that support our students, such as the DGF School Foundation, PTAs, sports clubs, etc. Your partnership and engagement play a vital role in creating a thriving school community where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for being an essential part of our DGF family. Together, we can make this year truly exceptional.

Warm regards,