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Dear WSWSU Families, Community and Staff, Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

I am excited to begin the new school year with you. I expect that this will be a great year guided by our <u>Portrait of Student Success</u> and our continued commitment to belonging, caring and wellness.

Although this past year was difficult for many due to the impact of COVID-19, I saw our families, community members and staff become closer and work as a team to overcome the challenges we faced. I am so impressed and proud of how everyone stepped up to collaborate.

As you know, COVID-19 is still active among us. On August 10th, the AOE has shared the following Memo To Schools From Secretary French and Commissioner Levine on COVID-19 School Sickness Policy Considerations and Testing in Fall 2022. Since WSWSU takes all health guidance from the AOE as a directive, we will be following the considerations and recommendations in this letter and will update WSWSU guidelines accordingly. If you have any questions about what is in the letter, please feel free to contact your school nurse.

On a different note, I want to make sure that you saw the <u>WSWSU Calendar for the</u> <u>2022-23 School Year</u> that was previously shared. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 30th. I also want to remind you that our Early Release Wednesdays begin the first week of school on Wednesday, August 31st. More information about the Early Release Wednesdays can be found in <u>my previous letter</u>.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and teamwork. Together, we will make this a super year!

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne