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Dear Parents and Community Members:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the founding principal of MacArthur High School. I have been in education for over 18 years, teaching and leading in both elementary and secondary schools. My deliberate focus on student achievement ensures that every child receives a high-quality education. I truly believe that all students can learn and must have access to instruction that provides high expectations and academic rigor.

During the next few weeks, I will be venturing on the “MacArthur Tour” in which I will be spending intentional time meeting students, parents, and community members. The goal is to start and build relationships but to also inform each of you about the new high school. This week, I enjoyed being the featured guest at the W3EdNet meeting. There were so many great questions and strong engagement. Additionally, I will be meeting with several key central office teams to help solidify some important decisions. These teams include Special Education, the Office of Teaching and Learning, Enrollment, Athletics, and the Budget office. From there I will use the information collected and the community feedback to help shape programming for MacArthur High School.

I look forward to our journey together. Should you have any questions, feel free to email me and the school planning team at dcps.planning@k12.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Harold McCray, Ed.D.

Principal