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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year. The District's slogan, "giving our students the world," symbolizes our commitment that Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students will be prepared for the real world that awaits them—in college, in the workplace, and in society.

As the school year begins, I promise to our students that you will gain an academic competency that expands your knowledge; a civic competency that instills a sense of responsibility to the community; an occupational competency that will help you identify what careers you may want to pursue; and a personal competency that will empower you with the social graces needed to conduct yourself with dignity.

Success in the classroom has many measures, and each of us has a role in ensuring that success. For students it takes respect for your teachers, yourself, and your peers. For parents it takes involvement in your children's education both inside and outside the classroom.

For every one of us, it takes commitment. It takes collaboration. And, above all, it takes courage. For us, individually and collectively, to live up to the M-DCPS real world promise, "giving our students the world," it takes the courage to dream. The courage to demand. The courage to dare, and the courage to do.

Best wishes for a successful school year! Aim high, dream big, and ask "why not?"

Sincerely,

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