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Dear Faculty and Staff:

I hope this letter finds you resting, relaxing, close to being rejuvenated, and even closer to being ready to return to work. I still want you to continue enjoying your summer but I must admit that I am excited about continuing the process of providing our students what's needed to be successful. We will continue to transform our school from good to great during the 2018-2019 school year. We will have a very successful year as we build leaders daily with strategies taught to fidelity for continuous improvement and academic achievement.

In order for us to have a successful school year, please be mindful of the following:

- 1. It is imperative that all classrooms are up and ready to go at the beginning of school. I am recommending that teachers utilize some of those "last few days of the summer" to prepare classrooms. More learning takes place when the environment is conducive to learning. I am expecting all classrooms to look like A+ classrooms this year. Remember that quality is much more inviting than quantity. All classes should be ready for students by Friday, August 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
- **2.** It is my desire for us to maintain a clutter free environment and we only have necessities in the building. Make sure that any outdated material, furniture, and/or equipment is removed from your classrooms by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 2nd.
- **3.** Classroom Management is essential. In order for you to teach your class they must have rules/procedures and consequences in place. Each teacher is to prepare a discipline plan for their class that goes hand in hand with the school discipline plan. This can be an individual plan or by grade level. **Class Dojo will be utilized by everyone this year.** (The school plan is attached.)

All discipline plans must be turned in by August 2nd and approved by the administration before going out to parents.

- **4.** Parental Involvement is very important and much needed. I am challenging each of you to make sure that you make every effort to make your parents feel welcomed throughout the year. Each teacher is to prepare a welcome letter for parents. All letters must be turned in by August 3rd and approved by the administration before going out to parents.
- **5.** All faculty and staff members are to report to Fitzpatrick Elementary by 7:45 on Thursday, August 2nd. On this date we will have our back-to-school inservice at MPACT (Renaissance) downtown. Buses will transport the faculty and staff to and from the event. Details on that are forthcoming.
- 6. This year's theme is a Safari theme, "Fitzpatrick Elementary Is Wild About Learning".

7. Important dates to remember:

- Open House/Orientation August 3rd (Friday)
- Kindergarten 2nd @ 5:00
- 3-5 @ 6:00
- Staff Development Days August 2nd-3rd
- First Day of School Thursday, August 6th

Again, I am looking forward to a great year as your instructional leader. It is my belief that the best decisions are made when it benefits the children. It is my desire to serve as a resource to you and the students at all times.

Respectfully,

Dr. William A. Milledge, Jr.

