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Dear Van Buren Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. As the new school year approaches, I want to extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you. We are excited to embark on another wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement here at Van Buren.

Reflecting on the past year, we have so much to be proud of. Our students achieved remarkable milestones, both academically and personally. From outstanding performances in music and athletics to impressive academic achievements and community service initiatives, our school community has demonstrated resilience, creativity, and dedication.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we remain committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for all our students. Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working diligently to plan engaging and challenging curricula, as well as to enhance our facilities and resources.

This upcoming school year, we want to improve our attendance and lower our suspension rates as well as reach our academic goals. We will need your partnership to make this a successful year. We will have several new programs and initiatives designed to further support our students' learning and well-being, below are two that we are putting together.

Onboarding for new student: New students to Van Buren will spend the first 1-2 hours with our support staff where they will receive an orientation of our programs and expectations. Our staff will make sure they are ready for success. Items we will address are: technology (do they have a computer at home), can they access our programs, school wide rules and expectations, counseling services available, curriculum (make sure they have all necessary materials including backpacks notebooks etc.), a tour of our school, and meet and greet essential staff that can support them.

Intervention Power Hour: We will continue with our intervention during the school day, however we will be platooning our students to best meet their needs. Our teachers will deliver SIPPS curriculum for K-4, and Read 180 for our 4th – 6th graders as needed. We will also offer enrichment during this time for students who do not need the additional support. This may include novel studies or writing workshops.

We believe these additions will greatly enrich the educational experience and help our students reach their full potential.

Communication and collaboration between home and school are essential for student success. We encourage you to stay involved and informed throughout the year. We invite you to connect with us through our various communication channels, including our school website, social media pages, and newsletters, to stay updated on important announcements and events. Our monthly Parent Coffee Hours are also a great way to stay informed, the dates are listed on our webpage as well.



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Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can create a positive and nurturing environment where our students thrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Here's to another fantastic school year ahead!

Warm regards,

Isabel Arellano

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