

Dear Caroline Wenzel Families,

Welcome back! Let me welcome our families and students back to the new 2021-2022 school year on behalf of our entire Wenzel staff. The pandemic certainly changed the way we engage our students in learning and presented new challenges for all of us. I am glad students are finally returning, and classes can resume in person.

While students return to full in-person learning, it is important to ensure mitigation against COVID-19 to guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH). Therefore, we continue to have safety procedures in place, such as mask requirements, hand sanitizers, gloves, temperature checks, health screenings, and distance as much as possible. In addition, signs, directional arrows, and reminder postings around campus serve as guidance for our school community.

We are excited to share important changes to our school this year. Our Wenzel team is working to transform Caroline Wenzel to include the following:

- Campus beautification – Make Wenzel a place for children.
- Project-Based Learning – teacher and enhance 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.
- Flexible Seating (Post-Pandemic) – Offer students autonomy, choice, and teach inclusivity.
- School-wide use of Class Tag– To create uniform, timely and open communication.
- School-wide use of MobyMax to supplement teaching and learning, and target skills in math, ELA, social studies, and science.
- Dibels – assess reading – fill in reading gaps.
- i-Ready for ongoing assessment – interim benchmarks to inform instruction and monitor student progress.

We approach our work from an Ethos of Care—sharing in the collective responsibility to address the needs of our community. We work to disrupt inequities in our system to promote equity, autonomy and voice, and access to resources for our students. Last year, our team trained in Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to address lesson design, variability in learners, create adaptive learning environments, and assessments to address the learning needs of our students.

We know the pandemic kept students from the classroom, and learning loss occurred for Wenzel students and students across our district and America. We are bringing several essential programs to support our families and students. First is our Before School Programming, After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, and student family support services. We also have 916Ink Reading Support and Intervention and Writing and Educate Inspire Grow and Learn (EGIL) mentoring and tutoring to add to our programs. All programs geared towards supporting our students to progress in learning.

As we embark on our learning journey together, our school teams will rely on our parents and community for support in helping to encourage our students to be their very best. Your support

with student assignments, classroom material needs, your volunteerism with classroom projects, to name a few, helps us achieve our mission of preparing our students for their future. Together, we can achieve more.

I am delighted to welcome our students and families back to school and look forward to the great year of learning together here at Wenzel. Please feel free to contact me or any of my staff at (916) 395-4525.

Sincerely yours,

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