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Dear Northwest School of the Arts Family,

As principal of Northwest School of the Arts, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at NWSOTA. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our mission and goals here at Northwest School of the Arts is to ensure that every student in every seat achieves academic and artistic gains. It is also our goal to ensure that every child feels welcomed, unconditionally loved, and protected.

I'm also excited to announce that we will continue to offer opportunities for our students to study dance, theater, visual arts, vocal music, and band this school year for students in grades 3-8. We are also excited to announce that we will start an integrated arts program this school year. The Integrated Arts Program will include graphic design and audio/ visual communication and will be offered to students in grades 5-8. We will also have arts and academic- focused after- school programming this year along with male and female social and emotional enrichment programs/ mentoring groups. On the academic side we are excited to announce that we will also include Project Based Learning and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) into our curriculum. At Northwest School of The Arts, we have excellent teachers and staff that spend hours planning and creating skill-based classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research- based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and set a goal for growth and improvement. **I would love to invite all current and potential families to our Meet the Teacher/ Back to School celebration on Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 3:30pm until 6:30pm. Our first day of school for all students is August 15, 2023. Breakfast starts at 7:30am, and class begins promptly at 8:00am. Our instructional end time is 3:30pm.**

I am honored to serve as the principal of Northwest School of The Arts. It is genuinely a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at 216-228-6800, 216-815-8510 or dlockett@acanwest.com

Educationally Yours,

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