## The School District of Philadelphia FANNY JACKSON COPPIN ELEMENTARY

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Dear Fanny Jackson Coppin families:

**Welcome to a New School Year!** My entire team and I are excited and ready to safely welcome all of our students for in-person learning, five days a week starting Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - the first day of school.

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Many layers of safety will be in place to protect everyone's health and wellbeing in our school, including: mandatory mask wearing for students and staff, touchless hand sanitizer stations, air and surface purifiers, and COVID testing. Our teachers and school staff are attending special training sessions to better support our students' social, emotional and educational needs as they transition back to a more structured school day. Student schedules are being created. Our hard-working custodians have been cleaning and sanitizing our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and <u>free</u> breakfast and lunch each school day. To support a safer, healthier and more inviting school environment for students and staff, a new roof was installed to prevent leaks in classrooms, asbestos abatement from piping, plaster remediation occurred from old leaks, and buckled flooring was replaced.

This year, we're delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Scardelletti as our new grades 6-8 special education teacher and Ms. Levin as our grades 1-4 interventionist.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to view these <u>What We're Doing to Protect</u> <u>Everyone's Health and Well Being While at School</u>, <u>Why In-Person Learning Matters Now More Than Ever</u> and <u>Back-to-School Bus Tour</u> videos, and visit <u>www.philasd.org</u> for the latest back-to-school information in multiple languages.

All of us at Coppin School look forward to welcoming students back to school in person on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Together, if everyone does their part, we can make this a safe and successful school year for everyone! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at kespinosa@philasd.org with any questions.

Best,

Kelly Espinosa

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