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Dear PPS Family,

Welcome to the start of the 2019–2020 school year! In today’s rapidly changing world, there’s no place for a “one-size-fits-all” approach to education. At Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS), we are all committed to meeting the needs of students in multiple ways, so they not only college and career ready, but also life-ready.

As you flip through the 2019–2020 calendar, you will see the many ways we are creating a personalized educational experience for each student. This holistic approach to education plays a significant role in our strategic plan; Expect Great Things. That’s why our focus is on initiatives that support the individual needs of each of our students. Whether it is through individualized instruction, culturally relevant programming, or early identification of gifted students, we strive to help each child meet his or her full potential.

In addition to the school calendar, enclosed is a booklet containing parent friendly fact sheets on the Code of Student Conduct. This is our way of making the Code more accessible to families. We also included the “Get Involved” Guide to highlight best practices for staying engaged and informed as well as guidance for school volunteers.

At PPS, we believe all members of our school community play a role in educating and supporting our students. Student success starts with something simple: Listening. Only by listening to our students, families, employees, and community members can we understand the needs of our educational community and better serve them.

But we know that you’re busy and that it’s not always easy to get involved. That’s why in the late fall, we will be implementing an online communication and customer service solution called Let’s Talk! Let’s Talk will help us to better track our responsiveness and turn every conversation with you into a learning opportunity for us.

Once fully operation, Let’s Talk! will provide families and students the ability to submit a question, comment, concern, suggestion, or compliment 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Wishing you and your student(s) a great school year.

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