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Dear Panther Families:

Greetings to you and welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! I know that I can speak for our staff that we are excited to see our students again. We have truly missed the energy and enthusiasm for learning that our students bring to our campus each day. For the past several months, we have met the challenge of educating our students in new ways during this pandemic. The efforts of our teachers and staff, parents, and students have been heroic. These efforts embody our theme: **Superheroes... Changing the World One Student at a Time!** As the principal, I will take every precaution to keep all students safe. The district will continue to be responsive to the needs of the community around us and will keep our families apprised of changes.

The first day for students is for Monday, August 24, 2020. Our school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The first week of school August 24- August 28, 2020 will be a **SMART START Week**. This entire week will be strictly eLearning; no students reporting to campus. Teachers will record daily attendance. During this time, teachers will support students with accessing the new platform **Canvas** and introduce new health and safety procedures. Beginning August 31, 2020, students that are brick and mortar will return to campus. Students that are designated as eLearning will receive instruction from home. Students that are eLearning will receive scheduled times to pick up instructional materials for eLearning in the next couple of days. When students return to campus, brick and mortar students will receive breakfast from 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Students should not be on campus prior to 8:15 a.m. If you are in need of before or after school child care, we do offer a **HOST** program that you can register for on the district website: [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us). Type HOST in the search box to begin the registration process. The district will provide updates as to when the program will be available. We look forward to the start of the school year. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know that our students are up to the task. Please join us for a Hero's welcome our **Virtual Open House** on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-4:00 p.m. Specific grade level times and teacher zoom codes have been provided. Please see the flyer in this packet.

Please know that we are closely monitoring CDC, State and District Guidelines. The policies and procedures outlined in this packet could change due to those guidelines. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

On behalf of our staff, we thank you for entrusting us with your child. It is going to be an epic year!

Warm regards,

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Principal