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Dear Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School families:

It is almost time to start a new school year! My entire team and I are excited and ready to safely welcome all of our students back to school starting August 24th—the first day of school. We are especially thrilled to welcome our incoming Class of 2030 to the KCAPA family!

All summer, we have been preparing for an incredible new school year. Our teachers and school staff are attending special training sessions to continue to support our students' social, emotional, and educational needs. 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 a delicious and healthy breakfast and lunch each school day.

To support a more inviting school environment, we have several exciting school improvement updates to share:

- We have expanded the games in our PBIS game room and added new PBIS prizes to reward our students' positive contributions.
- We have installed new outdoor book lending libraries, benches, and chairs to enhance our campus.
- We have created all-new gardens for our botany class to use and enjoy.

Great things are happening at KCAPA each and every day, and these improvements are just the beginning!

This year, we're also delighted to welcome several new teachers to our staff who will help strengthen our learning environment: Mrs. Smith-Baker (Math), Ms. Ksir (Math), Mr. Roe (SS/English), and Ms. Sweeney (Science).

We have two important events to help everyone get ready for the year:

- Freshman Orientation: Tuesday, August 18th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the school (you only need to attend one session)
- Back-to-School Night (Grades 10-12): Thursday, September 3, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

These events are a great time to meet our staff, learn more about the upcoming school year, and tour our updated school grounds. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit www.philasd.org/ringthebell for the latest back-to-school information in multiple languages.

All of us at Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School look forward to welcoming students back to school in person on August 24th! As always, please feel free to reach out at 215-400-7400 with any questions.

Sincerely,
Patricia McDermott
Principal, Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School