August 12, 2015

Principals,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. I hope that you had a restful summer break and took time to enjoy your families. As you move forward to prepare for the new school year, I want to invite you to call upon The Office of Strategic Partnerships to assist you with your family engagement initiatives, recruitment of volunteers, mentors and tutors, and the development of your community relations programs. The 2015-2016 year focus on the following key areas:

* Increase focus on peer to peer mentoring - High School students to mentor incoming freshman
* Increase in male designed mentoring programs for high and middle school
* Focus on middle school readiness and working with incoming 6th & 9th grade students
* A new mentoring program called Lunch Pals – in 23 Elementary Schools and 5 Middle Schools
* Parent Academy - Parent focus workshops – Parental Partnerships to support your school initiatives
* Implementation of – Family Engagement Action Teams and Family Friendly School District

We also want to be sure that you take advantage of the programs that we can offer at your school, please complete and return the attached program initiatives form and family & community liaison data form so that we may better support your school programs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Valerie Brimm, Ed.D.

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