



As Head of School, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at James M. Singleton Charter School. I hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to kick off the commencement of classes on August 9, 2021. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community as we begin our third year of tremendous growth. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward serving you and your children along with our hard-working staff. We are building on a great foundation with 85% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders passing the English I EOC. These students will be ahead of most incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders at their high schools because of their diligence and success. This year, our rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to take English I and Algebra I, making our students even more prepared for their entry into 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2022. We are laser focused on continuous improvement in all areas for all grade levels.

With the first day of school fast approaching in less than three weeks, our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for enrolled students for the 2021-2022 school year. Our enthusiastic office team is ready for the “All N” event that we are hosting on July 24, 2021, which will feature: book bag giveaways, COVID vaccine stations, SNAP and Medicaid sign-up, update stations for student files, and tons of food. Our conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the school facilities. Our parent liaison and amenities crew are finalizing Doughnuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Grand Friend Day, Literacy Night and Numeracy Night.

You may have seen media reports regarding the possible revocation of our charter. Those statements are premature. We are currently working in good faith with Nola Public Schools to resolve disputed issues in confidential mediation. Our school charter remains valid and in full force and effect and we are proceeding with confidence to open the 2021-2022 school year.

Please note the following important dates:

1. **All N Welcome Back Event** (book bag giveaway) – July 24, 2021, 8:00am -12:00pm
2. **Orientation for New School Year** – July 27, 2021, 5:00pm - 7:00pm School Cafeteria (JCampus family sign up, ID pictures, uniform purchase, transportation sign up, meet new staff, extra-curricular activity sign-up)
3. **Teachers Return to School for Professional Development** – August 2, 2021
4. **Students Return to School for First Day of Classes** – August 9, 2021

The official school calendar for the 2021-22 school year is on the website and have been sent out through JCampus. The student activity calendar will be sent home monthly with all events including athletic games.

Children first,

Ms. Mann, Head of School