



**GREEN**  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

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TO: GREEN Charter Schools Families and Staff

FROM: Tom Cronin, Executive Director

DATE: August 6, 2023

RE: Welcome Back!

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at GREEN Charter Schools! Whether you are an existing GREEN family or a recent arrival, we thank you for partnering with us as we strive to prepare the next generation of leaders. Regardless of which campus or campuses you are part of, please be assured that we are well prepared for the arrival of your students. Our GREEN team is ready to go and excited to serve you and your children!

Our Facilities Team has been working non-stop this summer to make countless improvements to all of our campuses. These changes include important new safety measures, the replacement of HVAC systems, the restructuring of spaces, the painting of classrooms and offices, the addition of colorful new signage, new carline markings, and much more. Each school is now equipped with video cameras at its entrance doors enabling the front office staff to observe all visitors immediately upon arrival. Additionally, we will be creating a vestibule on all campuses, ensuring visitors are only permitted initial entry into a closed area to be checked in before entering the school. Our schools will also issue student identification cards in addition to those already worn by staff, and all IT/Facilities staff will wear GREEN spirit wear, making them easily identifiable.

Beyond safety and facility enhancements, we are continuing our efforts to improve our instructional methods with the implementation of GREEN Charter School's revised Instructional Practices. This is a streamlined research-based approach reflecting the most effective strategies to help our students retain key concepts. This step forward is extremely important for GREEN and will help us align efforts across our campuses.

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Whether teachers are brand new or well-versed in their area of specialty, these key Instructional Practices will enrich their professional practice.

Another very impactful program being implemented this year is our GREEN Charter Schools Discipline Guidance which includes asking our students to develop a personal mission statement. Utilizing a well-developed and thoughtful process, we will ask them to define who they want to become. At its core, this is a strategy to develop student ownership of choices, to incorporate reflective habits, and to strengthen self-governance. As part of our parallel process, we are also asking our staff to create mission statements and expect the results to have the same positive benefits in their lives. Just as GREEN as an organization has a mission, so will our students and staff. We all need to be strategic in our approach to life, and this will allow us to help each other achieve our missions and DREAMS

I remain humbled by this opportunity to guide our learning communities at GREEN and so proud of our team and their many accomplishments. Thank you for supporting all that we endeavor to achieve. We ask you to help us serve you better by communicating any concern or endorsement of what we are seeking to achieve for your children. Please continue to be an ambassador for GREEN.

Once again, welcome to the 2023-2024 SY! **GREEN for ALL – ALL for GREEN!**

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