



Dear Pathways Academy Families,

Fall 2026

Welcome back! I truly hope you had an opportunity to enjoy your summer, spend time with the people you love, and create memories that will carry you into a wonderful new school year.

As I think about the year ahead, three words come to mind. **Relationships. Resilience. Relevance.**

Relationships because meaningful connections are the foundation of everything we do. When students know they are cared for, when families know they are valued, and when we work together as partners, incredible things can happen.

Resilience because our students demonstrate it every single day. They balance school, parenting, work, and life's many responsibilities with strength and determination. Their perseverance inspires us and reminds us why our work matters.

Relevance because learning should prepare students for life. We are committed to providing meaningful learning experiences that equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed in school, in their careers, in their families, and in their communities.

Whether your family is returning to Pathways or joining us for the first time, thank you for trusting us to be part of your journey. We don't take that responsibility lightly.

This year, you'll notice some exciting things happening throughout our school. You'll see and feel positive changes in how we support students, connect with families, celebrate success, and create meaningful learning experiences. We are being intentional about building a school culture where every student feels welcomed, every family feels respected, and every person who walks through our doors knows they belong.

While some things will look different, one thing that will never change is our belief in our students.

***We believe they can learn. We believe they can graduate. We believe they can accomplish their goals.
We believe they can build bright futures for themselves and their children.***

Learning transforms lives, and we are committed to helping every student discover what is possible when they believe in themselves and stay focused on their goals.

Families, thank you for partnering with us. Your encouragement, your communication, and your support make a tremendous difference. Together, we can help our students not only earn a diploma but also develop the confidence, skills, and resilience they need to be successful in life.

I am excited about what this school year will bring, and I look forward to celebrating every milestone with you. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family's story.

Welcome back to Pathways Academy. Let's make this an amazing year together!

With gratitude,

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