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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am proud to welcome you to a new school year! Our teachers, mentors and administrators have worked very hard this summer to prepare for another successful year. We are excited to welcome our new parents to the team, and look forward to working more closely with you.

Many of our current students describe their previous educational experiences in very negative terms. They share how their teachers, counselors, and administrators rarely listened, supported, or cared for them. They recount schools in which students were allowed to “do whatever they want” and where “no real learning happened.” They express deep frustration with high school classes seen as irrelevant, disconnected from their realities and identities. But our school is different.

Rooted in Chicago’s Puerto Rican community, our school promotes rigorous academic learning, critical and creative thinking, community involvement, and positive relationships among students, teachers, and staff. We have a college preparatory curriculum that also engages our students in working to build a better and more just world.

Your selection of our school tells me that you are serious about your child’s education, their future, and the future of your community. We look forward to starting the school year and working to get our young people to realize their full potential.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and to the accompanying documents; all of which are to fully inform you of next steps to begin the school year on the right foot. Please keep in mind that our school year begins on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast will be served at 7:30am, classes begin sharply at 8:30am, students will need to come to our main building, 2739 W. Division to be informed of where to go.

Atentamente,  
Matthew Rodríguez  
Principal

Documents that accompany this letter include: School calendar, supply list, parent and student orientation flyer and student fee information.

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