



**Ms. Susan Thompson,
Principal**

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Dear George Washington High School Families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to our Washington family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3rd.

Last school year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories:

- Climate and Culture scores continue to increase in our building. We will continue to make our building a safe and welcoming place to be.
- Two IB diplomas were earned and a significant number of students earned college credit through AP exams and dual enrollment while many CTE students earned credits and industry certificates.

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day.

We're also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. We have two new social workers and a ton of new teachers to replace those who were moving and those who were retiring. We are really excited to have them join our team!!

You will see a lot of changes in where teacher's classrooms are located as we have moved into a more grade-level oriented academy model. Each academy has its designated Assistant Principal to oversee the academy. You will learn more in the coming weeks.

Be sure to visit www.philasd.org for important back-to-school information such as how to get a Philadelphia School TransPass and a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. I also want to invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at George Washington look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or a member of our team at 215-400-3100 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Sincerely yours,

Susan Thompson, MSED