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Dear Pre-K Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26. We are excited about the new academic year and the changes that are to come. As you may have heard we moved this summer and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our school at its new location on 1014 South Elmora Avenue. As always, our goal is to provide your child with the best educational experiences possible. We take pride in knowing that your child will exit this school with the knowledge, skills, and understandings necessary to help him/her develop into a successful student, and more importantly, successful citizen in future years. There is a good chance that your child will spend the next ten or eleven years here at this school and we take the responsibility of educating your child very seriously. To that end, we have worked diligently to ensure that they will learn in a safe and friendly environment, with knowledgeable and capable faculty members who are ready for the exciting year ahead of us. Our aim is to maximize your child's experiences both in and out of the classroom and to provide him/her with a world-class education.

School begins for all students on **Thursday, September 7th, 2017**. School will be in session between the hours of **8:20 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.** All students who are eligible for transportation will receive a pick-up time in the mail from our Transportation Department. Those students will be picked-up in front of your house. As always, it is your choice to use the bus, if eligible, or provide your own means of transporting your child to school. School personnel will be available, in the gym, on the first day of school in order to help students get situated and to provide you with your child's homeroom.

For many children, this could be their first day within a school environment and that can be somewhat scary. It is our goal to help young children acclimate to school by providing a nurturing environment. It is also our goal to help them become accustomed to school routines as soon as possible. To that end, we encourage you to celebrate this milestone; however, beyond the first couple of days of school, we will limit the number of days in which you will be allowed to walk your child to his/her classroom.

As a reminder, it is a requirement that all students who attend Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 arrive to school in full uniform. It is your responsibility to supply the required uniform for your child.

Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for all students in Grades PreK-8. We are designated as the only school in New Jersey authorized to offer the PYP (elementary) and MYP (middle) programs. School No. 26 is also the only school in Elizabeth offering these exciting programs where an inquiry method is utilized to help students learn and foster a greater understanding for all of the people with whom we share the planet. Here at the Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy, this prestigious program will continue to greatly enhance the education that children receive, it will better prepare them to continue on as knowledgeable, capable, and caring

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students in future years, and will foster their development as contributing and productive members of society. *We set high standards for our students because we care.* Students in PreK are also IB students. In the fall, we will have an IB Open House where you will learn more about this program and the unique opportunities that your child will have at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26. Our ***Back-to-School Night*** will take place on ***Thursday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m.*** We look forward to seeing you there to discuss our programs, policies, and procedures.

We are proud to continue our partnership with the Ashoka Institute as a “*Changemaker*” school. There are less than one hundred schools in the country to achieve this status. This came in recognition for all of the innovative programs and forward thinking that this school has employed. We hope to continue with this kind of groundbreaking education. Again, our goal is to provide your child with the best education possible.

We want your child to excel and flourish, both personally and academically. We believe that by demanding accountability and self-discipline, we will encourage our students to attain their highest academic level possible. At the beginning of the school year, all students will receive a student handbook. This handbook spells out all of the major rules and policies in place for the upcoming school year. The commitments and values described in this handbook are important to the orderly operation of this school. The policies described within the handbook are Board policies that are enacted to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students who attend this school. We ask that everyone adheres to the policies. It is only when we all do our part, make good decisions, and make a positive contribution to the building, that it will be a school we can all be proud of.

All of the forms you need to complete along with other important documents are available on our website at http://edreira.epsnj.org/pages/Dr_Orlando_Edreira_Academy_No in the tab marked “School Policies and Forms.” These forms will also be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Please be sure to complete them as soon as possible. We are very excited about the new school year and are happy to have your child here. We know how important your child is to you and we are committed to educating them in a school that is respectful, supportive, and nurturing. I would like to wish your child the best of luck for a great school year.

Once again, I would like to welcome you and your child to Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 and extend our best wishes for a successful school year.

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