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Dear SEED MD Family,

We are off and running!

Let me begin by extending our CORE Value of gratitude to every team member who contributed to our successful check-in process and smooth transitions this week. Our theme for this year is "Better Together: Connection, Collaboration, and Collegiality."

We have assembled a team to strategize how to improve communication here at SEED MD. Feel free to email me with any recommendations or suggestions.

Last week's professional development is an example of collaboration. I was pleased to see everyone working together and engaged in many team exercises, from assembling a puzzle with a missing piece to dialoguing about how to incorporate a model of positive interactions with our students through praise and affirmations.

Without collaboration, there is no collegiality: companionship and cooperation between colleagues who share responsibility. I have witnessed you supporting your colleagues and considering their needs and interests.

As we begin the new school year, I want to take a moment and extend a welcome to our new teachers and staff and take the opportunity to welcome back those who are returning this school year. Consider the following as we head into Fall 2022, with classes starting this week.

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- [Click on this link to review the Staff Handbook.](#)
- The 2022-2023 SEED MD Reopening Plan is pending and a survey is forthcoming.
- If you are a new teacher, please see Dr. Rayeanne King to sign-up for the New Teacher's Mentor Program.
- Breakfast, lunch, or dinner is accessible to all staff in the cafeteria until the end of September.
- COVID testing will continue in the auditorium on Tuesdays.

Also, the following are small ways you can incorporate our theme into your day-to-day activities:

- Help and assist your colleagues.
- Open up and express your own experiences with each other.
- Look for ways to collaborate in teaming, planning, observing, researching, peer coaching, and mentoring.

[Click here to stay updated on SEED activities.](#) It is great to see everyone in person again, and I want to wish you all the best this school year!

Sincerely,

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