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Dear Incoming Sixth Grade Families,

Welcome to middle school! We are very excited to have your child as part of our learning community. Right now, our sixth grade teams are working to create opportunities for your student to learn all about middle school and to provide a sense of introduction to their new school. Please be on the lookout for additional information from the middle school principals regarding upcoming caregiver/family meetings, we would love to see you!

As a caregiver of a student with an IEP or 504 plan, you may have additional questions or concerns about your child transitioning to middle school. Through this transition and beyond, I extend a warm welcome for conversation and communication about how we can work together to support you and your child. To that end, I would love to connect with you and learn about your child and their strengths and areas of need. Throughout the summer, I will be hosting listening conferences for all incoming 6th grade students with an IEP or 504 plan. The special education department leader and I will work together to learn all about your child and how we can support them in middle school. Creating a smooth transition for your child to middle school is my priority and I look forward to our listening conference.

As in years past, our teams are preparing to share information between elementary and middle schools so we can be prepared to welcome your child. Mental health teams will be connecting, Master Educators, case managers, and department leaders will be meeting, and classroom teachers will be discussing how we can best meet the needs of all students, and specifically students with IEPs and 504 plans.

I am looking forward to learning more about your child and will reach out to you this summer. If you have questions or concerns before our listening conference, feel free to send me an email.

Sincerely,

Tara Caiza
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