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Dear DPS Families:

Durham Public Schools is on the move! Driven by our teachers, support staff, families, and our students themselves, we have reclaimed our momentum and are helping our students as they share in the nation-wide process of recovering the progress they had been making prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and remote learning.

This School Report Card that has been issued by the state of North Carolina covers the 2021-22 school year, the first full year that our students returned to the classroom following the pandemic. The transition was hard on our students, many of whom had rarely set foot in a classroom since March 2020. It took time for everyone to reacclimate, and over the course of the school year our students came into their own. We have seen the results of that progress with the start of the new 2022-23 school year. Our students are off to a great start, and I am excited for the future. Guided by our 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, DPS will continue to be the best place to ignite Durham County students' limitless potential.

As you review the data in the 2021-22 North Carolina School Report Card, please remember that it is a snapshot in time, capturing a year in which students made tremendous progress but still felt the effects of more than a year of separation from classrooms and peers. As such, it is difficult to make apples-to-apples comparisons to previous years. State education leaders have been vocal about the limitations of the School Report Card this year and are exploring new accountability models.

As always, the best way to find out about a school and how your child can best take advantage of the experiences and opportunities there, is to go straight to the source. Please pick up the telephone and call the principal, visit the school, and talk to your child's teacher, join a parent-teacher organization, or volunteer.

Thank you for your interest in, participation in, and support of Durham Public Schools. We are proud to serve each of our students and their families, without exception.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pascal Mubenga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pascal Mubenga, Ph.D.
Superintendent