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Dear Parents,

The new school year is off to a great start. We're excited to have the students back full time and to have the Guidance department buzzing with their energy and enthusiasm.

We're thrilled to have Carolyn Almonte join us on the high school team. Many of our upperclassmen are excited to have a counselor they know and love continue with them into their high school years. Replacing Ms. Almonte in the middle school is Kathaleen Rosario, another bilingual counsellor who comes to us from the Mt. Vernon school district.

While we're no longer remote, we're keeping a few things from that period that we think worked well at reaching more families. Our Guidance Classroom is still our primary method of sharing information with families. Like our newsletter, it contains information regarding college tours, scholarships, financial aid, job opportunities, standardized testing and anything else we think students would be interested in. Unlike our newsletter, it is updated regularly, if not daily. Since security is something we take very seriously at WMHS we are unable to allow outside email addresses into our classroom. Please be sure to ask your student to review the classroom with you weekly.

We're also going to continue to hold our College Night and Financial Aid presentations virtually. While we miss the face-to-face interactions, holding these events virtually allows more families to join us and also allows us to archive them for families who are unable to attend.

We're looking forward to another exciting year (but hopefully not *quite* as interesting as the last two.) As always, we're available to speak with you to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Foy Mr. Rob Dominguez Ms. Carolyn Almonte