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Dear NCP Family and Friends,

We are fortunate this year to be able to welcome our community back to Northside. Over the last few weeks, students have actively participated in classes, have enjoyed their lunches outside, and have started to participate in after-school activities, such as athletics and clubs. In addition, teachers have been hard at work preparing engaging activities, sponsoring clubs and enrichment activities, and welcoming students back into their classrooms.

While we are fortunate to come back together, we also continue to face funding challenges that impact our current programs and our school's future. While the district's funding has shown improvement in the last couple of years, the fact is that the funding we receive from CPS does not fully support the work we do at Northside.

How can you help? If you are able to, please make a tax-deductible contribution to Friends of Northside's Annual Appeal.

Friends of Northside, our parent fundraising group, supports a lengthy list of essential resources that are not covered under our current budget. These items include a multitude of things: athletic equipment and uniforms, classroom supplies and equipment, professional development for teachers, transportation for extracurricular activities, staffing for college counseling, technology support, office staff, school security, and mental health services. In recent years, families have made donations anywhere from \$10 to \$10,000.

As you contemplate your contribution, please keep in mind that over 40% of NCP families live at or below the poverty line. Therefore, we ask every family who is able to consider making a donation. Each and every donation is important and direct giving through the Annual Appeal is the most effective way to help our school raise the funds necessary to continue to build the programs and educational experience that people expect from Northside College Prep.

We need everyone to participate either monetarily or by volunteering - or both. One of the lessons we want our students to learn is that people, acting together as a community, can accomplish great things. Year after year, our wonderfully diverse Northside community has come together to overcome hardships. The incredible accomplishments of Northside are a direct result of the work, dedication, and support of the Northside community of parents, students, faculty, administration, and staff. I am honored to be part of it.

Sincerely,

Patti Stuber, Principal