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Hello ACE Students and Families,

Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

As we look to the start of another school year, all of the ACE staff are as excited for a new beginning as the students. The building has tripled in size as we welcome two new programs. The RACE (Rochester Adult Center for Education) program and the ATPS (Adult Transition Program and Services) program will be joining us and their programs will be in the new addition. The entire parking lot has changed and a map will be sent home to identify new pathways for students who drive and for parents who drop off and pick up their students. A new kitchen has been constructed and will be open for use for all programs as soon as it is finished. We have a new addition to our staff. Ms. Stephanie Herriman will be joining the ACE team to teach Spanish. Please welcome her when you meet her. A lot of new changes to begin an exciting year!!

For many of you this will be your child's first year with us at ACE, but for some, ACE is the familiar little building that brings them success. As a staff we find ACE a very rewarding place to be. The credit recovery and progress made by students are amazing. These positive experiences do not happen in isolation though. Success takes hard work and determination from the student, the family and the staff. Each one of us has a role that is necessary for success and credit recovery to occur. There may be bumps in the road, but I ask that you be patient with us as we work to find the best solutions that will assist your child in finding success. As a reminder, ACE does not hold a preregistration day before school starts. All students will receive their schedules on the first day of school, September 4, 2018. Schedules will also be available through StudentVue, the Rochester Community Schools online system. Any books the students need will be distributed to them by their teachers on that day. Students should come to school on the first day with basic school supplies if possible.

I encourage you to keep in constant communication with both your student and the ACE staff regarding progress made at school. The SSR progress report will come home EVERY Monday. Review it with your child. The SSR tells the story of how your child is doing each week. Each child learns in their own way and at their own pace. When they struggle and get behind it can become harder for them to learn. We believe the key for their success is staying aware of the areas that challenge them before the concerns become failures.

Communicating regularly with your child's mentor will keep the lines of communication open. Email or call the teachers, come visit and meet the staff, utilize the counselor – all of us are here to help. Encourage your child to use the extra support classes (ESC) and Saturday School days as they need them. Make sure they attend when they are required to do so based on their SSR. These excellent academic interventions along with your attending conferences assist your child in their path to success. Students enjoy hearing the compliments when they do well, and need the support and conversation when they are not. Your involvement with them in crucial conversations about school work will help them find success in many ways.

Your expertise as a parent is very valuable to the success of your child in this program. You see a part of your child we do not. We want to hear from you. We need your feedback and support so we can continue to grow as a program and provide a valuable service to our students. Your involvement and energy in school helps us develop a partnership with you so we can better educate and support your children. **Without that partnership, helping students reach their fullest potential can sometimes be difficult. This year**

ACE will continue our parent advisory committee (PAC) that will meet throughout the school year. Please look for more details in the September newsletter. The newsletter will continue to come home via email once per month. Many of you have expressed your appreciation for the updates, so please continue to keep us informed of what assists with that process.

Curriculum Night at ACE will be September 13, 2018, from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Please join us and meet your child's teachers. The dates for our four parent teacher conferences are: October 4, 2018, December 12, 2018, February 28, 2019, and May 8, 2019. Conferences times will vary this year to better support the schedules of our families. Please follow the newsletter for updates. Students are encouraged to attend conferences with their parents and guardians. Conference reminders will be in the ACE newsletters as they get closer.

Enclosed with this letter please find several documents. Some documents are informational, some will need signatures, some are ACE specific and some contain district information. Along with the documents is a check list outlining which pages require signatures and which should be returned on the first day of school.

If you are a returning student, these pages are updated each year and need to be reviewed and signed. A few pages have minor changes so it is important that the documents are read carefully and signed each year.

Hot lunches will be available for students on the first day of school. ACE partners with Reuther Middle School for our Chartwells Food Service. If your child will purchase hot lunch at any time during the school year, please make sure your Chartwells account has a positive balance. ACE does not collect money for hot lunches for Chartwells. If your child receives free or reduced prices for lunches, please make sure you have completed the necessary paperwork and that it has been turned in before school starts. The free lunch paperwork must be completed each school year. Reuther will continue to support the hot lunch program for ACE students until the new kitchen is fully operational. WE are working with Chartwells to provide a breakfast and lunch program for the beginning of school. Major changes will come home by school messenger to keep you up to date.

ACE remains a nut sensitive building. All students are asked to not bring in to school any items containing nuts. For the safety of all students, please remind your child that any food with nuts should not be brought to school. This may be an adjustment for some students, so please share this information with your child before school starts on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. This will assist them in being prepared for lunch on the first day of school.

Relax and enjoy the last few weeks of summer. The finishing touches are being completed in the building so it will be ready on the first day of school. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions.

See you soon,

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