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Good day Worcester Public Schools Family!

From Here, Anywhere.... Together! On behalf of the School Committee and WPS staff, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year. As your new Superintendent, I could not be more thrilled to be living and serving the great community of Worcester, Massachusetts. I sincerely hope that you have had time with family and friends this summer. Prior to my arrival, I was able to vacation with my husband Jesus and daughter, Natalee. We visited Israel and Spain. This was our first time traveling to the Middle East and Europe. We look forward to returning in the future, as there is so much to see and learn.

As shared in my Entry Plan, I will spend the first few months of the school year cultivating a culture of listening, learning and communicating throughout WPS so that we can craft a future story together. You will be invited to share your thoughts through a variety of means including, but not limited to, surveys and a series of public forums to be held throughout the city. Your voices will help guide and shape the next chapter of WPS.

As your superintendent, I am committed to WPS being a model of educational excellence by creating and supporting a culture of belonging and continuous improvement for all staff, families and children. To this end, we will work daily to provide:

- high achievement for each student
- rigorous, relevant activities
- sense of belonging and wellness
- family and community involvement
- access to advanced opportunities
- interventions and supports

As a learning institution, we understand that your child/ren are your most treasured possessions to love and protect. We want to assure you that these are priorities for us as well. To begin our school year, WPS will be contracting with an outside partner to audit our existing safety policies and procedures. The recommendations from the audit will help shape future enhancements and improvements to existing safety policies and procedures. Additionally, each school will be updating and refining their school safety plan with their staff and families. Feel free to contact your school principal to learn more.

Welcome again to the 2022-23 school year. There is great opportunity in our schools, shining programs and caring educators. I look forward to amplifying, growing and expanding the many assets in WPS with you. Worcester Public Schools will be at our best when we work together. Our scholars will follow our lead, and their brilliance will glow. We look forward to going from here, anywhere...together!

Sincerely,

Rachel H. Monárrez, PhD
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