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To the Roosevelt community,

There are no words to express how excited I am to welcome our students, staff, and faculty back into the halls of our beloved schools. It has been far too quiet without students' joyous laughter and excitement ready to soak up the information they learn inside their classrooms. I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of our students as they enter their respective schools prepared and willing to **rise** to new heights of academic success.

As we enter into the 2021-2022 academic year, it is incumbent upon me to acknowledge that the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are still present. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst our students, staff, faculty, and families, the Roosevelt School District will be following the mask mandate presented by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and maintaining social distancing practices when able to. There is truly no substitute for in-person instruction, and the integration of these practices will ensure the health and safety of our school population while also providing a culture of uninterrupted learning.

As I look back on the 2020-2021 school year, it goes without saying that the District faced challenges. The relentless patience and unwavering support from staff and community helped sustain our efforts to educate the whole child and achieve our mission of preparing all of our students to be the leaders, artists, writers, and trailblazers they will become.

I doubt that the 2021-2022 academic year will yield even more things to celebrate, punctuated by the achievements, camaraderie, and ever-present unity in the Roosevelt School District. I look forward to attaining our individual and collective goals as an educational community united in its vision of excellence.

To our students who are embarking on the next chapter of their academic journeys this week, I challenge you all to continue pushing yourself outside of your comfort zones and seeking new ways to expand upon your education and talents. There is greatness in each of you, and the Roosevelt School District is proud to bear witness as you identify unique pathways towards success. We will continue to support you throughout your scholastic careers so that when you reach the final milestone of high school graduation, you will cross the stage with your heads held high and stand secure in the knowledge that you are capable of achieving greatness.

Regards,  
Dr. Deborah L. Wortham

*Our Mission is to educate the whole child to excel, thereby ensuring achievement for ALL.*

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