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LETTER TO OUR PARENT COMMUNITY

Welcome to the *18TH* School year of *Union County TEAMS Charter School – High School/College Leadership Academy*. We remain a Tier I ranked K – 12 Smaller Learning Community boasting a 100% graduation rate, serving close to 400 students. We are Excited! Challenged! and Changing! While staffing issues plague all schools in the state and nation, we embark with a staff committed to teaching and learning with a resolve to ***RISE ABOVE!***

This year we will not only renew our commitment to excellence, but we will work diligently to make it happen as TEAMS. *Together Everyone Achieves More Successfully*. In a restructure of several instructional paths, we will accommodate learning styles, gifts of individual scholars, and effective use of personnel. Meeting and/or exceeding our 2021-22 Goals and Objectives has shown what is possible, even in a post pandemic year of adversity. **We did it!** and **We will do it again!**

As a *Community of Builders* ... we fully commit to continue to provide scholars with opportunities that address academic deficiencies by building numeracy and literacy skills. Moreover, we commit to fully engage in STEM programs through our extended day. We further commit to implement data informed initiatives, i.e., “Cross Grade Grouping” which yielded results in increased proficiency with a high of 28% age points in both Math and ELA as reported in the Annual Report 2022. Staying committed to all graduation requirements, being college and/or work force prepared and providing advanced academic classes via the MCC Bridge Program continue as smart goals to be attained for all high school scholar leaders.

Finally, for the first month of school, due to the ongoing flareups of COVID-19 and a desire to mitigate future infections, MASKS are REQUIRED in all classroom environments. While eating, outside, or in open spaces, the mask mandate will be optional. Regular handwashing and access to hand sanitizers will be the norm. All visitors to our campus will be required to wear masks. For the safety and well-being of all staff and scholars, we seek your input in our *Annual Schoolwide Survey* which will be posted this week. Please answer SURVEY '22 and give us your feedback.

As the Executive Director,
I and the entire UC TEAMS Staff are COMMITTED,

“... Aiming High and Achieving Greatness” as we RISE ABOVE!



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