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Dear Principal:

On behalf of The Parent Academy, and the Office of Parental Involvement it is truly our pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you as we begin the 2009-2010 school year.

We are committed to working in collaboration with you to continue to develop and implement an outstanding relationship with parents. Working together as a team we will move forward in our mission this new school year to strengthen families to reinforce student learning and achievement.

Our goal is to ensure that the parent workshops being offered at your school site go smoothly and have a lasting effect on families. We can achieve this through the collaborative effort of the Office of Parental Involvement, The Parent Academy, your school staff, the families, and your school community.

We've added some exciting new topics to our menu of workshops, and we are beginning to make workshops available online. Our first E-workshop, *Parent Pathway*, is included in this toolkit and will also be available on our website.

To help to ease your work load during challenging time, as you reach out to the families and communicate with The Parent Academy staff, we have compiled a toolkit for your convenience. Our office is making every effort to make this year's workshops a great success. Therefore, we appreciate your assistance in sending the following information to The Parent Academy as soon as you can. This toolkit is also available online at <http://theparentacademy.net>.

- **School Liaison Form** to communicate with The Parent Academy.
- **Request for Workshop** form must be faxed to 305-523-0505 in advance to ensure that workshops are approved and posted online.
- **Attendance Form** must be sent to location 9619 room 226 upon completion of workshop.

On behalf of the entire staff at The Parent Academy and the Office of Parental Involvement we thank you for your support and cooperation. Let us learn more of one another... in knowledge there is understanding; in understanding there is respect; and where there is respect, growth is possible. Welcome to the new school year!

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Anne Thompson, Director
Office of Parental Involvement & The Parent Academy