



Greetings Excell Academy Students and Families:

Welcome back to school for the 2018-2019 school year. I really hope everyone took time this summer to relax and enjoy life with family and friends. Our hearts were saddened at the loss of one of our Excell students this summer. Our prayers of comfort and peace continue to go out to the family as they adjust their lives to the loss of their beautiful baby girl. We hope joy will fill their hearts as they reminisce the happy times and pleasant memories.

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome new and returning students & families to another spectacular school year at Excell Academy! Our theme this year is "**Educate, Engage, and Elevate.**" This school year plans to be a productive year for our students, parents, staff and the community to *learn* more, *grow* more, and *collaborate* more to ensure our students S.O.A.R. to another level of scholarship and citizenship! Excell Academy's instructional staff, student support staff, operational and administrative staff have worked extremely *smart* this summer preparing curriculum, instruction, and student and parent support systems to **elevate** teaching and learning and increase effective communication this school year.

I, along with our entire Excell faculty and staff, are looking forward to seeing all of you at **this Thursday's Student & Family Orientation Night at 6pm.** Please come to finish any paperwork that is still needed, confirm registration and bus information, meet your child's teacher and support staff. In addition, Excell's Parent Ambassadors would love to meet you and tell you how you can **engage** in making a difference at Excell Academy. PLEASE be sure to come say hello to me, get some treats, and let me know how we can make Excell all that you desire for you and your student.

Also, as we progress in developing our *Purposeful Learning Community*, I am eager to share more of Excell's Goals and Plans for our students, families, staff, and community this school year. One way to ensure "excell-ent" communication, collaboration and effective **engagement** with all of our stakeholders is to provide opportunities for input and involvement in Excell's formal strategic planning process. Be on the lookout for invitations to participate in strategic planning sessions, focus groups, and/or surveys. Your suggestions and feedback are highly valued and needed for school improvement and organizational planning and development.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to make intentional efforts to **engage** more with our Excell social media community by visiting our website often, www.ExcellAcademy.org, tag our Twitter, follow us on Instagram, and like us on Facebook. Thank you for being a part of our community dedicated to "Doing Whatever It Takes" to **educate, engage, and elevate** our entire Excell community to "Change Tomorrows for Children Today!"

Sincerely,

Sabrina Williams
Founder, Executive Director

