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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome your family back for another exciting year at the Charter High School for Architecture + Design. As you are beginning to see, your child's high school years are passing in the blink of an eye so it is important that we make every minute of every day count in order to prepare your child for the future! I wanted to take a moment to be sure to provide some key information so that your child can get off to a good start.

ORIENTATION -- All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors should report to CHAD on September 6th, 2017. Student arrival begins at 7:55am with homeroom beginning at 8:35am. All students should enter "Gate A" at the front of CHAD's building and continue to the second floor cafeteria. Students will meet their home room teachers in the cafeteria, receive their locker assignments and schedules, and meet all of their teachers. Teachers will provide students with a syllabus that will list student supplies. Students will be dismissed at 12:00pm. The first full day of school for students is September 7th, 2017.

UNIFORM -- Please note that official CHADwear can only be purchased at Cramer's Uniforms for the 2017-2018 school year. Uniforms from Cramer's will feature a new logo, however, any official uniform you own will still be accepted. The CHAD uniform consists of the official CHAD polo shirt in navy blue or orange and uniform-style khaki or navy blue pants or skirts (no sweat pants, jeans, yoga pants, etc.). Students are also permitted to wear the official CHAD fleece or sports jacket available for purchase from Cramer's Uniforms (see www.cramersuniforms.com for locations). **Uniform-style pants** can be purchased at a variety of stores (Target, Walmart, Forman Mills, etc.). **Non-CHAD outerwear (jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, etc.) are not permitted at any time during the school day.**

Please note the following important change: **All students must come to school dressed in full uniform before they enter the doors of CHAD. Students will not be permitted to enter if they are not dressed in uniform.**

ARRIVAL PROCESS -- Community safety is paramount at CHAD. All students who enter CHAD are required to go through the arrival process. Students must pass through metal detectors and all bags go through an x-ray machine. The doors to

CHAD open at 7:55am but **it is important that students are in line for arrival by no later than 8:20am to ensure that they have enough time to stop at their lockers and report to the start of homeroom by 8:35am.** It is also important to note that students found to be in possession of a weapon or illegal substances will face legal consequences through the Philadelphia Police Department and possible expulsion at CHAD.

SCHOOL HOURS -- **Please note that the start time for the 2017-2018 school year is different from previous years.** The official school day begins at 8:35am and ends at 2:49pm. It is important for students to be in their first periods **BEFORE** the 8:35am bell, otherwise, they will be considered late to school.

LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE -- Regular and consistent attendance is necessary to ensure student success at CHAD. Students with excessive lateness and absences will be subject to disciplinary consequences. **Students who exceed eighteen absences or twenty-five latenesses will be required to attend CHAD's summer remediation program in August 2018.**

We look forward to getting to know your child over the next four years and are excited for what we know will be an excellent experience. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles Anerino
Director of Student Affairs