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As we move towards the completion of our first full week of school for the year 2017-18, I wanted to extend genuine welcome to all of our new and returning families. We are thrilled that you all have chosen Garden School, a NYS AIS accredited independent school, for your child's education.

By joining an independent school you have entered into a relationship with us that is based on trust, care, and performance. Our goal for your child is to provide a learning environment that blends an academic and social experience with your child's individual interests and talents. Our mission is to provide positive opportunities for each child that will stretch that child's talents and evoke an appreciation for new and possibly life-changing experiences. Each child here is an individual whose interests and talents will be developed through classroom work, social interactions, and institutional goals.

Our commitment to families rests upon the fundamental principle that all children can develop into life-long learners who understand the value and importance of academic learning, social interactions, the need for collaborative work, for problem solving, and to cultivate the intellectual ability to focus. These characteristics together form the recipe for a successful life.

In support of the bonds of trust that exists between this school and our families, there is also the need to support the mission of the school by endorsing the program through donating to the fundraising efforts that help sustain and enhance that program. Each family has become a member of the larger 'school family', which means that, just as in a relationship family, each member has an obligation to help the other. Independent school communities are designed to model the family. Each member of that family supports the growth and the development of the other family members. The school provides the 'nourishment', intellectual and social, that fosters growth in each child and, in return, families endorse those efforts with the intellectual and financial support through tuition and fundraising.

As our school year unfolds, our engagement with the intellectual and social growth of each child deepens; so too should family support of both the program and the fundraising efforts. The bond between Garden School and its families is the most important element in sustaining the educational and social vision of the school. Together, we form an educational community that support and enhances the development of our children. Here's to a magnificent school year together!

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