Hello Evergreen Champion Educators,

Welcome Back to Evergreen School as we prepare for a successful year of Virtual Learning! There is no doubt we are all enjoying precious time with family and friends in a virtual way we may have never experienced. Nevertheless, as the summer days are closing, it is definitely time for us to prepare for our Evergreen Champion Scholars and our return on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

During our Administration Retreat, our challenges were set as we planned for a virtual opening. The reading and discussion of the book, “Crucial Conversations”, helped as we prepared for engaging with our stakeholders and planning effectively for our scholars as they along with us, embark on our virtual learning experience. As Evergreen Champions, we will raise our standards by intentional focus on developing strategies and skills in our new virtual environment. We look forward to our PLCs and sharing the strategies and skills of “Crucial Conversations”. We are certain it will aid you in your work with our scholars, parents and community stakeholders.

Join me in welcoming our New and Returning Evergreen Champion Staff Members: Alexandria Roman and Charmone Perez, 2nd Grade Bilingual Teachers, Manal Elkabani, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher, Katherine Hermannson, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher and Kesha Carter 1st Grade Inclusion. New custodial staff include: Head Custodian Bobby Fowler along with Tony King, PM Custodian. Let us make sure we give them a warm virtual Evergreen welcome and support them as they begin their school year with us.

A number of building positions have changed due to various reasons. Joining the Kindergarten Team is Dorthys Bent. Krysia Sanchez, Lisa Urena joining 1st Grade Bilingual Teachers. 2nd Grade Team welcomes Nichoela Lynton, who is looping with her students. Joanne Barrett joins the 3rd Grade Team as a General Education Teacher, while Dagoberto Guzman joins the 5th Grade Team as the Social Studies/Science Bilingual Teacher.

The following staff members will serve as Champions in the following stipend positions: Byron Cevallos, Gina Del Rosario, Dagoberto Guzman and Steven Stibich as Vanguards. This year’s Data Consultants is Monserrat Vargas, the Data Team includes Joanne Barrett as the Testing Coordinator, Mariela Perez as a Representative from the Leadership Team, Social Worker Zara DeJesus and Vice Principal Ogburn-Thompson. We have an awesome group of educators who have agreed to participate on the Leadership Team. They have worked throughout the summer on our school plan and contributed to our Virtual School Opening Plan. The Leadership Team Members are: Joanne Barrett, Lauren Rodriguez, Fatima Embden, Ana Gonzales, Steven Stibich. Mariela Perez, Veronica Gay-Brown, Jens Madsen and Gina Del Rosario.

We are sending positive emotions towards you and your family. As you prepare to return, most importantly please remember for everyone’s safety, when in the building, be mindful to social distancing and wearing a face covering when in the common areas of the building. The schedule for Professional Development will be posted on the district website or sent in Postmaster. We will also forward when we receive it. Please have your iPad charged and ready for use on September 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. We will meet on ZOOM first from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. The ZOOM Id: 6432504774, Password: 1033. Make sure you have the Zoom App downloaded. We will use ZOOM for the majority of our meetings this school year. Dr. Mitchell is planning to virtually meet with all staff following our virtual time together. District will advise the Zoom Link.

At the Board Meeting on August 25, 2020, it was voted that Teachers and Teacher Assistants will now have the option to work remotely from home. Please send us an email immediately detailing whether you are going to work from home remotely 100% or the schedule that works best for you and your family. Please understand we must sign a district created work agreement upon completion of our conversation. This schedule will remain enforce until the district model changes for students. (Additional information from approved 504 applicants is not required at this time.)

Social distancing may be challenging, as we are very excited to see each other (at least those of us that will be in the building). No matter the challenges, we will adhere to all guidelines. The safety and health of everyone is #1. Take your temperature daily before you leave home when preparing to report to the building. Entering either through the front door or by the cafe, your temperature will be taken by a scanner. Before you swipe-in, you will answer a series of questions. Your swipe will confirm that your answers are correct. You will proceed to your classroom. Please follow all district and building guidelines as you head to your classroom. Remember if you are not feeling well stay home.

This year, very different from other years, we find ourselves challenged with the charge of engaging our scholars virtually, while determining what we can do to increase student learning and identify what we need to close the achievement gap that existed before the pandemic! Together, we will achieve our desired results as we provide quality VIRTUAL learning experiences for our Evergreen Champion Scholars!

**2020-2021 Evergreen Elementary School Champions will SOAR VIRTUALLY!**

Looking forward to a great year of growing and learning!

Educationally Yours in Peace,

Principal BJ Vice Principal Ogburn-Thompson