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Hello Dallas Parents, Students and Community,

Welcome to October! I want to share a few important updates as we continue through the fall season.

Strategic Plan DRAFT -- I am pleased to share the draft Strategic Plan for Dallas School District. This plan is the culmination of over 12 months of effort and is based upon feedback from hundreds of people in our community. Our planning team was comprised of 25 community and school district representatives. They met for most of last school year to develop the document that will guide our district for the next three years. Here is the [link](#) to the plan from our school district website. Please read through it and share any feedback directly to me. The Dallas School Board is reviewing the plan and feedback in anticipation of its approval later this month.

Resiliency Framework -- Staff members, students and parents continue to work hard to meet the COVID-19 resiliency framework requirements so we can keep our doors open. Our systems are working and the efforts of everyone is making a difference. Thank you! I want you to know that we have temporarily paused all field trips in the district as a necessary precaution. This was a hard decision but I believe it is necessary to support our efforts and keep our school operational. As a reminder, I am asking that you continue to keep students home anytime they are ill. This also minimizes exclusion of students and helps our entire school community remain healthy.

New Board Members -- Finally, I'd like you to know that new members have been appointed to Dallas School Board since July 1 to fill two vacancies that have occurred since then. Lu Ann Meyer was appointed to her term in early August. Rob Ogilvie was appointed to the Board and began his term last Monday. Welcome Lu Ann and Rob!

Thank you for your continued patience and partnership as we move through the school year. Keeping everyone safe and providing on site education for our students are our most important priorities.

Please contact me if you have questions or if you would like to discuss our efforts in Dallas School District.

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Ask yourself, "Is it good for kids?"