



# **SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE**

CHARTER SCHOOL

## **Welcome Back to School!**

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year.

We are incredibly excited to begin another year here at SBCS! All signs point to an incredible and productive school year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students.

We embark on this year's journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and a plethora of extracurricular activities to encourage our Trailblazers to be involved and stay connected!

Our skilled, highly qualified and devoted staff has already planned and is prepared for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering and welcoming new families, has ordered needed materials and is updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility to make it beautiful, safe and welcoming for our children. And, our much-appreciated PTO is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs.

During the 2018-19 school year, we will continue to build upon and enhance our proven foundation of hard work, a welcoming community, and continued excellence in education. Our vision and mission remains... *Thinkers ready to navigate our world* and *To create extraordinary learning experiences that inspire the thoughtful, courageous, compassionate citizen in every child.*

We are looking forward to a very positive and productive year together and extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in our children's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your young Trailblazer during his/her elementary and middle school years.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at SBCS. It is vital and plays a fundamental role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to stay in the know about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Again, we welcome you back to school and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much energy . . . enthusiasm . . . and a high standard of excellence! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

I look forward to working with you and your children.

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Principal