Dear Parents and Family Members,

I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year. I also want to let you know about some exciting things happening in the coming months that we hope you will participate in.

- **Join Us to Talk About Priorities for Newark Public Schools:** We are hosting ward-by-ward meetings to gather input on areas we should prioritize as we develop a district-wide strategic plan. Please join us at one of the following meetings (for those unable to join, we will share a survey with your schools that you can complete in the coming weeks to provide input):

Locations	Dates*
• **East Ward:** East Side High School	1/21/16
• **West Ward**: West Side High School Campus	1/28/16
• **North Ward**: Barringer High School Campus	2/03/16
• **Central Ward**: Quitman Street Community School	2/04/16
• **South Ward**: Malcolm X Shabazz High School	2/10/16
• **All Ward Final Meeting:** Central High School	2/25/16
	**all times 6-8pm*

- **Learn about Your School Options for Next Year:** For families looking to enroll their child in a new school for 2016-2017, there is information available to help you make your choice before the application deadline on February 29th. All materials are available online, at your school, and at the Family Support Center (301 West Kinney Street):

    - **Review the new enrollment guidebook for information about each participating school.** The guidebook can be found at www.NewarkEnrolls.com

    - **Go to school information sessions:** See our calendar at www.NewarkEnrolls.com to see when each school is hosting their information session and open house.

    - **Attend the City-wide School Fair:** We will be hosting the enrollment School Fair on Saturday, January 30th at Central High School (246 18th Avenue) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Elementary and high schools participating in the enrollment process will be present. We encourage families to attend to learn more about the exciting programs at schools, meet school staff, and submit applications for students who need a new school for the 2016-2017 school year!

- **Review PARCC Results:** In the coming weeks, if your child took the PARCC assessment last year, you will be receiving their score information. There are several resources available to help you interpret these results:

    - **Visit "Understand the Score" at the site http://understandthescore.org/** to learn about what the results mean for your child's continued learning.

    - **Reach out to your school's principal to attend an information session** with teachers or other school staff to discuss your child's results.

Thank you for all that you do for the students and school communities of Newark Public Schools. I look forward to working together to make this year a great one for student learning and success.

Sincerely,



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