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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we gear up for an exciting new academic year, we are delighted to welcome you and your children to be a part of our vibrant school community. We extend our warmest greetings and introduce to you our school theme for this year: "Faster, Higher, Stronger, Together."

At Rockway Elementary, we believe in the power of unity and collaboration. This year's theme emphasizes the importance of coming together as a community to achieve greatness. Each student's journey is unique, and we are dedicated to nurturing their individual talents and potential, while fostering a sense of belonging and teamwork.

"Faster": We encourage our students to be eager learners, to seek knowledge and understanding with enthusiasm. Learning is an adventure, and we'll embrace every opportunity to explore new ideas and concepts. Through dynamic teaching methods and engaging activities, we aim to make the learning experience both enjoyable and enriching.

"Higher": We set high standards for our students and believe in their ability to reach new heights. As educators, we will provide the necessary support, encouragement, and resources for their academic, personal, and social growth. Together, we will foster a growth mindset that inspires resilience, curiosity, and a willingness to take on challenges.

"Stronger": Building character is equally vital as academic achievement. We are committed to cultivating strength of character, integrity, and empathy in our students. Our school's values of respect, kindness, and compassion will guide them in becoming responsible and compassionate members of society.

"Together": Unity is our strength. The school, parents, and the community play an integral role in shaping a child's educational journey. We value open communication and encourage parents to actively participate in their child's education. Together, we will create a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and empowered.

As we embrace the theme "Faster, Higher, Stronger, Together," I am confident that this school year will be one of growth, achievement, and joy for all our students. Let us embark on this journey united and determined to make it a memorable and successful one.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Together, we will create a bright and promising future for each student at Rockway Elementary School.

Warm regards, Shante N. Thompson Principal