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Dear Cortez Elementary Families:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! At Cortez Elementary we have an amazing team of professionals. Our goal is to have a school that supports the emotional well-being and academic success of every student. We want to listen to learn about those things that are important to you and are good for everyone in the school community.

This year, in addition to our priorities of academic achievement and student well-being, we will increase our focus on communicating with families and improving student attendance. A partnership between families and the school staff members is important. Check Aeries Communication to see that you can receive weekly messages from the school. Attendance is also a key part of student success. All students should have opportunities to learn every day. This begins with students being at school on time, every day. Remember to plan for morning traffic to avoid being late and to schedule appointments on minimum days or after school to avoid removing your student from school early.

I extend an invitation for you to join in the conversations and decision-making at Cortez. Make time to talk with your student's teacher and the school administrators and make efforts to be involved in committees at Cortez. Let's work together with a focus on making decisions and doing what is best for all students and families at Cortez.

Sincerely

Dr. Gerald Matthews, Ed.D., Principal