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Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Central Jersey College Prep Charter School (CJCP), home of the Cougars, I would like to welcome you to the new school year, our fourth year of operation, 2009-2010. Our uncompromising, unwavering goal here at CJCP is to provide a world-class learning experience for all of our students. The quality of each student's learning experience is determined by the quality of the daily instructions in the classrooms. By delivering high quality, data-driven based instruction on a daily basis, developing and maintaining high standards and expectations, developing and promoting professional learning communities, and by providing all available resources directly to the classroom, our students are given the opportunity to advance in all subjects in which they receive instruction.

Student achievement is a high priority at CJCP. Every individual in the school community is held accountable for increases in student achievement as measured by multiple data sources.

I would like to share very promising news with you: 2009 NJASK scores for 7th and 8th grades have been released and reflect the dedicated efforts of our students, teachers, and parents. Overall, based on the preliminary results released, our students improved their performance from the previous year by up to 28 percentage points in 7th grade and up to 35 percentage points in 8th grade. Please check our website www.njcollegeprep.org for details of the results. I am proud of our academic accomplishments in 2008-2009 school year. Increases in student achievement must be sustainable and consistent. We understand that many challenges lay ahead of us, however we will remain committed to working thoroughly until every student has learned to the best of his or her potential.

I am very proud to announce that, this year we added honors level and AP classes in English, Mathematics and Science.

We invite all parents to come and **meet with our new staff members on September 2, Tuesday between 11:30am and 2:30pm.** Meeting with our distinguished new staff members before the school starts will build the parent-teacher partnership that drives student success. I would also like to encourage all parents to make a special effort to attend our **Back to School Night on September 23th at 6:30 pm.** This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and ask any questions you may have.

CJCP teachers participated in a week-long Summer Institute in August to establish a collaborative learning community. These workshops delivered teachers guidance on how to work closely as a group for improving instruction to students. We hope you and your child



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are as excited and ready for the new school year as we are. This school year will be filled with rigorous academic instruction and high levels of student achievement.

One of my goals is to keep the communication between parents and school open, clear, and beneficial. My door is always open to you. Communication between teachers and parents is also crucial. Therefore, I ask teachers to utilize every means to reach parents including phone calls, e-mail, letter to home and home visits. We established home visits as a CJCP tradition since last year. I encourage the teachers to call and arrange a home visit with you. You as parents can also call teachers to invite them to your house. We believe that home visits are the best opportunity to create a positive relationship and that this will help to increase student achievement.

You will find a number of documents attached to this letter that require your attention. Please make sure that you have completed and returned the following list of documents, preferably before the first day of the school.

- Sharing Health Information Form
- Emergency Contact Information Form
- Acceptable Use Policy

Our best wishes for a memorable and successful school year!

Sincerely,

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Chief Education Officer