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**Dear ACS Parents and/or Guardians:**

As we are nearing the end of the 2020-2021 school year, we understand that it has come with many challenges and a variety of unknowns as a result of the pandemic. Nonetheless, it is paramount that our students continue to receive the highest quality and most rigorous instruction possible. In making academic decisions on behalf of our scholars, it is imperative that we triangulate all of our data to determine what strategies and resources are necessary in order to help narrow the achievement gap.

Research states that scholars under normal circumstances will experience learning loss during the summer months. However, school closures coupled with the transfer to remote learning has amplified such loss. It is our responsibility as both school and community stakeholders to ensure that our scholars are provided with targeted and personalized instruction that will help to move student outcomes closer to proficiency. Our data suggest that a great number of our students are still reading at two and three grade levels behind. This is the most critical time for us to intervene as a community. **We are stronger together!**

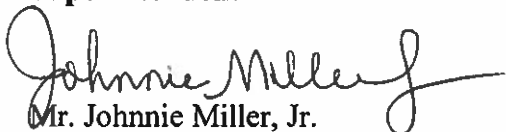
Allendale County School District is inviting all students 4K-12<sup>th</sup> grade to attend the “**Lights, Camera, Action**” Summer Recovery opportunities. Regardless of whether or not your child is or has been invited to summer recovery based on his/her academic performance throughout the school year, we believe that it remains a necessity for students to come and receive additional support and intervention. We must do everything in our power to help students reach grade level proficiency. Will you help us? Let us continue to move the academic needle in Allendale County School District.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Summer Recovery flyers posted on the school and district websites and other social media outlets. Please feel free to contact your scholars’ schools for more information.

Stronger Together,



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