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Dear 8th grade Patriot Partners,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that you and your family are safe and well. All School District 163 8th grade students will participate in the Leadership Development and Mentoring program during the upcoming school year. Students will participate in Genius Week leadership festivities this month, and quarterly throughout the school year. In addition, students will engage in ongoing leadership activities, Principal mentoring events, weekly motivational activities, and community service experiences.

SY21-22 Genius Weeks & VIP Dates

Tied to Greatness & Pearls of Wisdom Ceremony: **Friday, September 3, 2021**

Quarter 1: 8/30-9/3 Quarter 2: 11/1-11/5

Quarter 3: 1/24-1/28 Quarter 4: 5/2-6

Each 8th grade student will wear leadership apparel daily. Students will need a leadership cardigan, white shirts, khaki or navy pants/skirt. Our annual “Tied to Greatness” and “Pearls of Wisdom” Leadership Ambassador Ceremonies will be hosted for all 8th grade students and one guest. Due to COVID -19, guest attendance is limited. **Leadership cardigan orders must be placed online via the order link below:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKCW9DC>)

A \$20 fee will be charged for the cardigan and will need to be paid to Michelle Obama School of Technology and Arts. A payment link will be sent to your district email and/or an appointment can be made with the school office to pay in-person. Students will receive their cardigan at the Leadership Ambassador Ceremony. Pearls and ties will be provided by the District and will be presented to the students at the Ceremony.

It is the vision of School District 163 that our 8th Grade Leadership Development and Mentoring program will have a positive impact on our young leaders by focusing on leadership activities in the school and community, enhancing positive self-image, promoting positive social emotional growth, discovering individual interests and potential, and providing opportunities for goal setting through engaging experiences. It is our desire to promote the greatness within each student! Michelle Obama administration will host an 8th Grade Parent Forum in August and during Open House in September to share more information about the 2021-22 Leadership Development and Mentoring Program. ***Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 3, 2021 for this year's exciting Leadership Ambassador Ceremony at Michelle Obama School!*** The schedule for the day will be as follows, 12:00 PM for young ladies and 1:30PM for young men. For more information, please contact 708-668-9600 or mosvip@sd163.com.

Rising to excellence,

Kristin B. Foster,

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