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Dear SWW Families,

On behalf of the staff at School Without Walls, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year! I am extremely proud to be the principal of this amazing learning community, where I had the pleasure of teaching English for over 10 years and serving as the assistant principal.

We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential. A strong partnership with families will positively impact your child's education. Please consider setting aside time to participate in our parent group (PTO) and/or our School-Based Planning Team (SBPT). Parents' voices are valued in our school community.

I would like to outline a few changes taking place within the SWW community. As the building principal, the safety of students and staff is paramount. As a result, all students and visitors are **required** to be scanned upon entering the building. Visitors are subject to additional security procedures. In addition, SWW students need to know that scanning entails awareness of items that should not be brought to school. Please refer to the RCSD Code of Conduct for more information regarding these prohibited items, such as tasers, knives, vapes, mace (pepper spray), etc. Students who bring these items to school may be subject to disciplinary measures. **In addition, any confiscated items will not be returned.**

Other things to note:

- Personal Needs is one hour. All students are provided with a free lunch. This is sufficient time for students to eat lunch. **No food deliveries, including Uber, DoorDash, etc. will be accepted under any circumstances, either inside or outside of the building.** This is a safety and security issue and all students are expected to comply.
- Cell phones are not to be used anywhere in the building during class time. Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch for phone storage. Please refer to the [Student and Family Handbook](#) for more information.

I am also enclosing a copy of our Student/Parent Compact so you and your child can review it together. This compact was signed by you both upon acceptance to SWW. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed and aware of the expectations regarding appropriate behaviors for a safe and productive school year. You may also access the Student and Family Handbook on our [school's website](#).

Again, the wonderful SWW staff and I warmly welcome students and families back for the 2023-2024 school year. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

*Aylin Rodriguez*