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Dear Parents:

I'd like to welcome you and your family back to school and to encourage you to remain involved in your child's education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Your involvement will help your sons and daughters to be more successful now and in the future.

Our children need all of our support to reach their potential as great thinkers, innovators and leaders. The commitment we make now will benefit our State and Country as they become citizens of the world, competing and collaborating in an ever-changing global landscape.

Studies have consistently linked parental involvement with higher student grades and test scores, more positive student attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments. Family participation in education was found to be twice as predictive of academic learning as family socioeconomic status.

There are many ways to be involved with your child's learning. This includes not only establishing routine homework habits, but also making time to get to know your child's teacher and other staff members at his or her school and asking how your child can find success this school year.

One of the biggest factors in the overall success of our students and our District is our continuing ability to work in partnership with our parents. I pledge to work tirelessly on behalf of the more than 3,700 children in kindergarten through 8th grade in Kirby School District 140 to ensure that they are prepared for their academic future. Please join me in this pledge so that our children can be successful in the 2010-11 school year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Byrne, Ed.D.
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