



Dear D51 Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful Winter Break with special moments spent with family and friends.

Following Winter Break, school staff will return on January 8 to prepare for the new semester. Students *will join a few days later, with classes starting on January 10*. *D51 Charter Schools may operate on a different schedule. Please check the [district's website](#) for your school-specific calendar.*

A few friendly reminders:

- **School of Choice Application Window:** This year, the School of Choice application window opens earlier than usual, starting at 10:00 a.m. on January 12 and closing at 4:00 p.m. on January 26. If your student is interested in exploring various academic options, please note these dates. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- **Winter Weather & Bus Riders:** Winter weather might be on the way. If your child rides the bus, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the cold mornings. Our priority is to keep our kids safe and warm while they wait for their bus to arrive.
- **Emergency Alert Text Notifications:** Sign up for emergency alert text notifications now by texting YES to 67587. This ensures you receive timely information about emergencies, including campus safety issues and school closures.

Let's embrace the new semester as an opportunity to *reach new heights*. Encourage your student to set achievable goals at home and in the classroom—simple steps for positive change. Goals focused on academic achievement, new skills, or positive habits. At District 51, our goal is to engage, equip, and empower each and every student, each and every day for their brightest future. Through partnership with our *"Engaged & Supportive"* families and community partners, I know our students will be successful!

We are excited to welcome our students back for another great semester with new goals and new celebrations to be had. We look forward to seeing our students on Wednesday!

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