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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of Harmony Public Schools (HPS), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. Harmony Public Schools (HPS) begins the 2011-2012 school year with the opening of three brand new campuses in Houston and Austin, making Harmony the state's largest network of charter schools, with **36 schools serving more than 21,000 Texas students**.

I have the privilege to kick off the new academic year with wonderful news: *Newsweek* magazine named two of our high schools (Harmony Science Academy - North Austin and Harmony Science Academy - Dallas) to their list of the **"Top 500" High Schools in America**. Those two schools were also included in the magazine's list of **"Ten Miracle High Schools" in America** that deliver outstanding educational services despite having limited funding.

Our team is excited about the privilege of working with your children. Over the summer, we hired outstanding new employees, bringing our total staff size to 1,700, and in 2011-2012 we are determined to provide your children the best, highest-quality education possible. Our teachers and administrators have also been busy enhancing their own education over the summer, participating in training programs and workshops to help them meet our ongoing commitment to providing your children with an informative and enjoyable educational experience.

For the past decade, HPS has provided students an opportunity to excel in their studies in a small classroom environment. With 100 percent of HPS graduates being accepted to college, HPS has earned a reputation for providing a distinct, high-quality education focused primarily on math and science, but also providing the other skills needed to succeed in life. We are very proud of our 10-year record of success, and we are pleased to be opening new schools that further expand educational opportunities for schoolchildren in Texas.

Importantly, the educational partnership we have with our families is vital to the successful school settings we have established and your input and personal involvement will remain a critical part of what makes our schools, and your children, succeed. I look forward to working with you and your children during the 2011-2012 school year, and welcome your input at any time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Soner Tarim
Superintendent of Schools

About Harmony Public Schools

Harmony Public Schools are high performing K-12 college preparatory charter schools in Texas. Harmony blends the highest standards and expectations with a rigorous math and science-centered curriculum, and dedicated and engaged teachers and families, to cultivate excellence and prepare students to succeed in college, careers and life. To learn more about Harmony Public Schools and our 36 campuses across Texas, please visit: www.harmonytx.org, and follow us on Twitter at [@HarmonyEdu](https://twitter.com/HarmonyEdu) and 'Like' us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HarmonyPublicSchools