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Dear Madison Community,

Greetings, and welcome to Madison Middle School! My name is Sarah Dillard, and I am your Madison PTSA Fundraising Chair and PTSA Board member. We are experiencing unprecedented times, and another uncertain back-to-school season, but the PTSA is excited to get this year started with our returning families and brand new families, in order to help our staff to create the best learning environment possible, whatever shape that may take.

The Madison PTSA is a small but mighty team. In 2020 and 2021 we raised and donated thousands of dollars for our Funds For Families. Seeing our community come together to support our vulnerable friends is so very rewarding! Our PTSA actively works to be a voice in supporting families furthest from education and social justice. Throughout the 2020 and 2021 school year we enhanced curriculum and dialogue around racial equity and anti-racism, as well as greater diversity in instructional approaches. We are excited and proud of our Equity and Inclusion Committee! We have just few returning PTSA Board members and are **seeking NEW PTSA Board Members**. Getting involved is the greatest way YOU can help further social justice in our community.

The PTSA holds three General Meetings per year, and coordinates with our counseling department to bring parent and family education opportunities and events to you. Our **first General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 13, 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom**.

Find out more information about our General Meetings, as well as our upcoming parent programs, by signing up to receive our **Madison PTSA Weekly Newsletter**. We also recommend that you **bookmark the MadisonPTSA.com website** and **follow us on Facebook and Instagram**.

Of course, we also encourage you to **join the Madison PTSA** as a voting member to support Madison and to have a direct impact on PTSA planning and action. In line with our commitment to equity, we are offering membership scholarships this year for those unable to afford membership fees.

The Madison PTSA has committed to providing supplies and support for EVERY classroom and EVERY department. Please consider a donation to our annual **Back to School Drive, on now through September 30**, to help the PTSA to ensure that teachers and departments have what they need to create an enriching and exciting space for learning. We also have a special ask this year for our **Funds for Families Drive**, which will help the PTSA to support our Madison families experiencing extreme financial hardship due to the pandemic. Please give as you are able.

Thank you for your support!

Yours Truly,

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