

It is with great honor that I write this letter of greeting and welcome.

On September 6th at 8am the bell will ring and we will journey into a new school year. I look forward to a year of inquiry and deep learning for our students. I'm proud to say that through their hard work, and with the help of some pretty amazing teachers, the students brought our school to the highest level of accomplishment: Level 1+ for 2016! This year we will continue to carry the message of Mawi Asgedom's "turbo button" to overcome our challenges by persevering and staying positive. I am confident that we will stay on this path of success and exceed our greatest expectations in 2017.

This summer, while many of our students were sleeping in and enjoying the long days of the season, their teachers were busy preparing themselves and others for an outstanding 2016-2017 academic school year. Please take a look at the spotlighted teachers and see what they've been up to over the summer to help make Goudy a great place to learn.

This year we will continue the tradition of welcoming students from countries around the globe. There are forty different languages spoken at our school and many of our children have been on American soil less than six months. Parents can be assured that their children will be cared for and educated to the best of our collective ability. Goudy is a school recognized for excellence and this excellence can only be achieved to its full potential within a building where children feel safe and respected. That is why, upon entering the building, so many people comment that Goudy School feels like a happy place. It is a happy place for those reasons- combined with a staff that remains motivated, dedicated, and inspired daily by their amazing students.

Although this was an extremely difficult budget season, I am committed to upholding the integrity of our school to the best of my ability. There have been cuts but we will remain strong and we will stay optimistic that the leadership of Illinois will act in the best interests of the children of Chicago. Despite it all, we are still proud to provide our children with cutting edge technology, engineering lab, drama, music, physical education, computer classes and a library. We will continue to offer after school activities and sports such as flag football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and cross country. Our children will still receive breakfast every morning and a nutritious lunch and will have time to play during recess periods.

Mark your calendars for Goudy Technology Academy's 2016-2017 Open House on September 21st from 5pm-7pm. It's a great opportunity to see the school, meet the teachers and staff and share in your child's hopes and dreams for a successful academic year. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

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Principal