

Hello Abraham Lincoln Families,

My name is David Jones and I serve as your Principal. Last year was a year of adjustments, acclimation and learning. We appreciate the trust you have in us to educate your son or daughter during ever changing pandemic. Last year, we made strides with our students in closing the learning gap caused by the pandemic. We also worked extremely hard to update and improve our overall independent studies program. I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and re-energized to continue our growth and learning together.

This year we aim to improve our level of communication and support we provide to both our students and families. Our staff will meet with our students on campus weekly or bi-weekly depending on the size of their caseload. All on site meetings are mandatory for students. The purpose is to build relationships with between family, students, and staff while providing support, guidance and intervention on a consistent in person basis. This is in addition to our virtual intervention and support. We have also added a computer lab to our program. Students will be assigned intervention lab time if they are struggling or are falling behind. Lab time is not optional and will ensure that all students succeed within our program.

We have some very exciting additions to our program this year. We now have an EL Facilitator that will serve and support all of our bilingual learners and parents. The goal is to improve each student's English proficiency and get our bilingual learners reclassified out of their English support class. Mrs. Cynthia Gilbert will be our EL Facilitator. Parents please feel free to call our program with any questions, comments or feedback you may have in your primary language. We value your voice and want to make this program the very best! Abraham Lincoln I.S. now has a full-time bilingual Guidance Counselor. Her name is Mrs. Yaneli Munoz. I am very excited to say that Mrs. Munoz will provide our students low level Social Emotional Counseling as well as individual academic and transition plans for our secondary student's. Mrs. Munoz will be heavily involved in your journey here at Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies. Last but certainly not least, we have a new Assistant principal. Her name is Monica Reyna and she has 25+ years of experience within our district. She is invested and passionate to serve our students and families. Please welcome each of our new members of the ABL family as we move towards greatness together!

The first day of school will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Students and families will be able to meet their teachers and pick up their schedules, chromebooks and sign contracts before school begins. A flyer will be sent home to families about the day and time. We look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

David Jones

Principal

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