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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the Comprehensive Skills Program at Farnsworth Middle School!

As a team, we stand together in our commitment to provide a quality education that bridges academics, life skills, and social/emotional growth. Individually, we bring many years of experience from different areas of special education to the classroom. We are passionate about what we do and we work as a team to bring that excitement to our classrooms!

Our classes take a true team approach within our Comprehensive Skills Program and meaningful experiences connected to their general education peers. Part of our responsibility as middle-level educators is to help students work with multiple teachers depending on subject area. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and become familiar with a variety of adults, peers, and classroom environments.

Our goal is to create a forum for learning and personal growth that will enable our students to thrive. However, your input is essential, especially as you, parents, have had the privilege of being your children's first educator. Together, we can make this year one of great growth and rewards. We ask that you, parents, guardians, and caregivers as partners in education, assist us by communicating any needs or information you feel is important to our students' learning and development.

While we have a team approach, your child will have one of us serving as a dedicated case manager to serve as the point of contact for their IEP needs and daily home-school communication. Information on your child's case manager and related service providers will be shared closer to the first day of school.

We look forward to a strong and deep partnership with you this year!

Sincerely,

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