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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are very excited to welcome Manchester's children back to school. The start of each school year holds so much promise for the good work and learning to come. Over the course of this past first week it is clear our students are up to the challenge of high expectations and our teachers are committed to helping each student reach his/her highest potential.

This year, we will continue the successful partnership between the Manchester School District and City Year New Hampshire, a non-profit service organization whose mission is to help our students graduate on time and with the knowledge they'll need to succeed after high school. Our partnership is making real and lasting changes in Manchester's schools, and your children's academic skills and excitement for learning are growing, too. Clearly this has been a successful partnership and we are excited about how strong it has become for our students.

You may have seen City Year members in their red jacket uniforms at our schools or around our city already. Many of our students now look for that red jacket if they need help with school work, ideas for tackling challenges, or just a trusted person with whom they can enjoy school and learning.

City Year has placed 50 City Year AmeriCorps Members in six (6) of our elementary schools this year. These young adults, mostly college graduates, are well-trained in helping children learn – especially in reading, writing, and math. We work together to get students to school on time every day, improve behavior when needed, and provide intense tutoring for students who need to catch up.

We all greatly appreciate our City Year – Manchester School District partnership and we hope you will too. If you get the chance, please say hello and chat with the City Year AmeriCorps members in the red jackets serving your kids and schools this year. With your help and support, we believe every one of our children can and will succeed.

Yours in learning,

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