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Dear Grizzly Family:

As you may have heard, the President has signed an executive order instructing the U.S. Department of Education to begin the process of closing the agency. Understandably, this news has created uncertainty about the future of education at the federal, state and local levels.

First and foremost, I want to assure you that our top priority remains the education and well-being of our scholars. It is important to note that closing the U.S. Department of Education requires an act of Congress, and until that happens, the agency continues to function. At this time, there is little concrete information about what specific changes, if any, will occur and how they might impact our district.

Please know that our district is actively working with our education partners, including Washtenaw ISD, the Michigan Department of Education, and state policymakers, to ensure that our schools continue to receive the support and resources needed to provide a high-quality education. No matter what changes may come at the federal level, our commitment to our scholars, families, and educators remains unwavering.

We understand this uncertainty may be concerning, and we are committed to transparency as this situation develops. As we learn more, we will keep you informed and share any updates that may affect our district.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your scholar's education and for saying YES to YCS. Remember, we continue to be stronger today, stronger tomorrow, stronger together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross

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