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Dear Dutrow Students and Family Members,

On behalf of the Dutrow faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to you as we prepare to begin the 2017-2018 school year. A special welcome goes to those of you joining our Dolphin family for the first time. It is with great excitement and pleasure to announce that Dutrow is Fully Accredited! I can't thank the teachers, staff and students for their hard work this past school year. We will continue our path to excellence in the upcoming school year together.

At Dutrow, our mission is to engage students in a rigorous academic environment where we focus on global issues and an international perspective. This includes the study of nations, cultures and civilizations. Our students are exposed to four dimensions of global awareness: perspective consciousness, planet awareness, cross-cultural awareness, and awareness of human choices. Dutrow is unique in that we are an open-space school, in which our faculty and staff use inquiry-based strategies and reflection which allow our students to develop skills to become productive, thoughtful, and responsible citizens. In addition to enhancing the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Newport News Public Schools curriculum through a global approach, we ensure, monitor and measure our students' acquisition of critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and innovation, information literacy, communication, initiative and self-direction, collaboration and social responsibility.

All students and families that are new to Dutrow will be invited to orientation on Wednesday, August 16th at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Here new families will learn about the culture of Dutrow, have the opportunity to meet us and we can answer any questions that you may have. Please call the school to let us know what session you will be attending at your earliest convenience.

On Thursday, August 31st we will hold our Open House event. Open House will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for all other students, later that same evening. Open House will be an opportunity for our families and students to meet teachers, see their classrooms and get additional information from transportation, purchase an agenda book and meet our wonderful PTA. As you know parking is limited at Dutrow, so please feel free to utilize the church's parking lot as necessary.

I hope you continue to enjoy your summer break. The Dutrow staff and I look forward to meeting you, continuing our work together to make our students successful. I can't wait to welcome our Dutrow family back again for another exciting year!

Yours in Education,

Kelly Stewart

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