

August 13, 2025

Dear Ben Franklin High School families:

It is almost time to start a new school year! My entire team and I are excited and ready to safely welcome all of our students back to school starting August 25th. Our school day is from 8:15 am - 3:19 pm.

All summer, we have been preparing for an incredible new school year. We are adding both physical and academic processes and tools to continue to protect everyone's health and wellbeing in our school. Our teachers and school staff are attending special training sessions to continue to support our students' social, emotional and educational needs. Student schedules are being created. Our hard-working custodians have been cleaning and sanitizing our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children a delicious and healthy breakfast and lunch each school day.

This year, we're delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff.

Ms. N. Boyadjian - Special Education Learning Support

Ms. B. Brown - Mathematics Teacher, Financial Literacy

Ms. E. Culbreth - SISL

Mr. J. Ellerbe - Special Education Learning Support

Ms. Y. Hicks - Special Education Learning Support

Ms. T. Iqbal - Mathematics, Algebra 1

Mr. D. Jimenez - Special Education Learning Support

Mr. D. Nguyen - English 1

Ms. F. Mitchell - Counselor 11&12

Ms. O. Munnely - English/Senior Seminar

Ms. K. Newman - English 2

Mr. M. Nkwodimmah - Special Education Emotional Support

Mr. N. Roberts - Special Education Learning Support

Ms. R. Roman - Nurse

Ms. S. Starling - Program Coordinator

I invite all of our families to attend our in-person **Back-to-School Open House on the 11th day of September from 4-6pm**. This will be a great time to meet key staff members, learn more about the new school year and tour our school. In the meantime, I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit www.philasd.org/ringthebell for the latest back-to-school information in multiple languages.

All of us at Ben Franklin High School look forward to welcoming students back to school in person on August 25th! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at kcanada@philasd.org or 215-400-7600 with any questions.

Dr. Khailiah C. Edwards

Principal