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MEMORANDUM

To: North Metro GNETS Staff and Leadership

From: Dr. Cassandra Allen Holifield, North Metro GNETS Director

Subject: FY 23 Welcome Back to School Memo!

Welcome Back to School! It's hard to believe that our summer is over and we're entering into the 2022 – 2023 school year. I hope you all had a restful summer and you're ready to make this school year the best one ever. As we begin this new school year, we'll experience both challenges and opportunities. The difference between the two is perspective. When we adjust our mindsets to view challenges as opportunities instead, we become problem solvers which sets us up for success. I challenge each of you this school year to continue to be great. Believe in yourself and chose happiness. Make learning fun. Establish trusting relationships with your students, families, co-workers, and stakeholders. Be honest but communicate with kindness and respect. Practice giving every student on your caseload 5 positives to 1 one negative feeling or interaction. Have high expectations and operate with integrity. Love yourself and practice self-care. Be thankful and remember your cup is always half full rather than half empty. Last, keep our students first place. They are our primary customers. This does not mean forget about yourself nor your needs, but it's important for you to establish a healthy work life balance and practice joy. This year, we'll continue to focus on the whole student and student successes. The graphic below provides you with a visual guide of where we are and where we're going. We've got this! Teamwork makes the dreamwork and I'm honored to have you as valuable member of the North Metro GNETS Team. Welcome back to school!

