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Dear Parent or Caregiver,

I am writing to introduce myself as the City Connects Coordinator at the Springfield Conservatory of the Arts. I will be working with administrators, teachers, and other support staff to connect students and families to resources in the community that promote healthy development and student achievement.

My primary role at the Springfield Conservatory of the Arts is to coordinate a student support system that ensures that each and every student receives the supports, services, and resources they need to be academically successful and healthy. To do this, I assess the strengths and needs of each child in the school and connect them to a tailored set of support services.

Please note that the resources of the student support process are available to you as the parent/caregiver. If you would like to get more information about services for your child or have any questions about how I might be able to provide you with assistance, please contact me directly.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family. Please feel free to contact me at any point in the year.

Sincerely,
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Brief Description of City Connects

MISSION AND ORIGINS

City Connects (CCNX) is a school-based intervention that connects each student to the tailored set of prevention, intervention, and enrichment services they need to thrive. CCNX leverages the rich services and resources of the city's community agencies and was developed through a partnership of community agencies, Boston College, and schools.

HOW THE MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED

Every student is assessed for strengths and needs across multiple domains in order to develop the tailored set of services and supports that promote academic and personal growth. Our staff directs their work by facilitating an individualized student support process.

VALUES

We value the importance of collaboration among families, school staff, and community partners to provide a range of services.

RIGOR AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A critical component of our model includes documentation and follow-up on service referrals, which ensures service quality and enables our research and evaluation team to track the impact on student achievement.