Dear Charter Oak Families:

 It’s hard to believe that we are already in our third week of school! I want to welcome you all to a new and exciting school year with my best wishes to everyone. Let me also express my sincere and special welcome to those who are new to Charter Oak this year. You join a truly remarkable community!

 In these initial days I have already felt the immense sense of pride that students, families, and staff have about our school. We are proud of our diversity, we are proud of our commitment to a first-class education for all students, we are proud of the partnership the school and the community have created, and we are proud of the hope that our IB school brings to all of us.

 I would like to invite all of you to strengthen our partnership this year by working together on the common goal of having a school that supports our children’s education, well-being, and growth. Please continue with your involvement through the many opportunities for collaboration that the school offers. We want to hear your voice, your ideas, your concerns, and your opinions. Please join our wonderful PTO!

 In the past couple of weeks you had the opportunity to enjoy our “Curriculum Nights.” This was a good occasion to meet with your child’s teachers and familiarize yourself with the curriculum and activities offered at each grade level.

 This week, and in the weeks ahead, our families and staff will have the chance to come together to support our students and our school in many different ways. Please join us on Friday, September 22nd as we wear white (to symbolize peace) and celebrate the United Nations’ International Day of Peace with student and guest presenters and to plant our pinwheels for peace. This year’s theme, Together for Peace, will support our IB Mission to make the world “a better and more peaceful place.” Also in September, on the 28th, our community will get together while enjoying local ice cream and fresh squeezed lemonade served by “COIA celebrity scoopers and squeezers” at the Ice Cream Social. So please come and enjoy the school garden and playground while you learn more about the PTO and our IB school!

 With the work of our wonderful staff and your critical support I am certain that we will continue our path of growth to make sure that Charter Oak International Academy is a great place for each of our students. My best wishes for the year and our profound appreciation for your support.

 Sincerely,

 Juan A. Melián

 Principal