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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany  
To: Dougherty, Worth, and Lee County School Families

Subj: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

1. Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! I want to start by expressing our excitement in looking forward to another profound year of academic and social achievement for our military families, and in the remarkable support given by this strong military-supportive community on behalf of our military population.
2. As a partner with our local school districts, I urge you to participate in the Federal Impact Aid program, and be sure your survey cards are returned by September 2025. Impact Aid funding is appropriated annually by Congress and disbursed directly to school districts, bypassing state involvement. The funds can be used for any general fund purpose such as instructional materials, salaries, transportation, technology, or capital needs. All decisions on how Impact Aid funds are spent are made locally. This flexibility and local control allow school district leaders to target funds supporting all students wherever the needs are greatest, and your participation ensures these resources can continue, helping to support a high-quality education for military children.
3. Like many other states' schools, Georgia also continues to face challenges recruiting staff. If family members are interested in working in the schools, there are programs available to help them become a certified teacher, or to pursue other education related careers. Please reach out to the Family Member Employment Assistance Program for information about classroom and support staff positions.
4. These challenges cannot be met by working alone. I ask that you lean on teamwork, patience, and understanding to support our educators and staff who work so tirelessly to ensure our children's educational future, often going well beyond the call of duty. Together, we form a tremendous partnership between students, families, and educators to nurture future leaders of tomorrow.
5. Finally, if you require additional school support, please reach out to your Marine Corps School Liaisons, Exceptional Family Member Case Managers, or other Marine Corps Community Services resources. We thank you for your unwavering support, and look forward to the remarkable accomplishments this school year will bring.

  
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