



August 17, 2022

Dear Yinghua Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

With great excitement and pleasure, I am honored to take on the role of Executive Director, and to welcome new and returning families to a great year at Yinghua Academy. I look forward to collaborating with the Board, our parents, our teachers and staff, and the broader community to ensure we stay true to our mission.

I am excited to announce our new academic leaders:

Ms. Danielle Miller - Director of English Instruction. Many of you may know her as Mrs. Jespersen, as she has served in our school as an English teacher, intervention teacher, and instructional coach for the past few years. She will direct all subjects taught in the English language.

Ms. Fang Wu - Director of Chinese Instruction. She has been with Yinghua for 14 years as a 2nd grade teacher and instructional coach. She will be responsible for all subjects taught by Chinese-speaking teachers. We will all work together to continue our strong academic performance.

Along with Mr. Pobloske and Mr. Chan, we will form a strong support team for our students:

Mr. Marcus Pobloske - Dean of Students. He joined Yinghua last school year, and is eager to start the new school year with all students. He is a passionate educator who is devoted to empowering students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Mr. Kenny Chan - Director of Special Education. He leads the Special Education Department and is ready to work with families, teachers, and students to support students to reach their full potential.

You can find the team's [bios here](#). This new team will bring us a new outlook. We are excited to sustain Yinghua's legacy and create an even brighter future.

Students will receive their class assignment on August 29 via an Infinite Campus (IC) message. During the summer, our teachers and staff have been preparing to welcome you back to our school. As life gradually returns to some semblance of normalcy, we look forward to **hosting in-person Curriculum Night** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, and rebuilding connections with parents. We eagerly await the sound of your laughter and the joy brought by your energy and enthusiasm for learning!

YACA

I encourage all of our parents to become active members of our Yinghua Academy Community Association (YACA). YACA provides an opportunity to connect with and support our community. With your support, our staff and students can experience amazing events and memorable field trips, enjoy a steady flow of snacks, and participate in academic leagues and wellness groups.

Infinite Campus (IC)

To stay abreast of all that is taking place at Yinghua, please be sure to provide us with an updated cell phone number and email address so that we can share information via our Infinite Campus (IC) messaging system. Additionally, please be sure to create and/or update your IC Parent account. Also, remember to visit our website regularly for current news and upcoming events. All materials being shared can also be found on [our website here](#).

Playgrounds

Over the summer, the playgrounds owned by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board on the south side of Yinghua were removed due to the deteriorating state of the equipment and the completion of a new playground next to the water park. The school board and I will be meeting with the park board on August 19 to discuss the future plans for the space, as the playgrounds were an important part of our students' recess time.

I'm privileged to be a part of the Yinghua community where students, teachers, and parents care for each other, believe in excellent immersion education, and strive to build meaningful relationships that support academic and social-emotional growth. Feel free to connect with me for any questions, comments, or concerns at luyi.lien@yinghuaacademy.org or at 612-788-9095. I look forward to working with you and assisting each student to meet their personal goals.

Dragons, let's make it an awesome year!

Educationally yours,

Luyi Lien, Ph.D.
CEO/Executive Director