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Dear Student and Parent:

We are pleased you will be joining the MIT community. We are looking forward to the arrival of our amazingly talented new students; we are also looking forward to welcoming parents to MIT. We hope that you will join your freshman and visit the campus yourself this August. If Parents cannot attend, however, rest assured that everyone here will give a warm welcome to your student and will help every freshman get off to a good start.

The Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming has compiled a great deal of information for incoming freshmen and parents, including advising options, Freshman Pre-Orientation Programs (FPOPs), a guide to first-year student residences and a description of the Parents’ Orientation schedule for Saturday, August 27 through Monday August 29.

Parent orientation offers a valuable opportunity for you to see MIT and to talk with some of our faculty and staff. In addition, Family Weekend is planned for Friday, October 28 through Sunday October 30, a time when you can see the campus in full swing. Please put the dates on your calendar.

Additionally, the Institute plans an expansive orientation for first year students and expects these new members of your community to participate. It is an opportunity not only for you to meet other members of the Class of 2020, but also faculty and upper class students, explore the academic opportunities, discover the myriad of student clubs and organizations and begin to navigate around campus. As important, you will meet your advisor, consider your subject options and register for the fall term. All in all, it is an electrifying, high-energy time, and a wonderful introduction to the MIT community.

Sincerely,

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