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Dear HPA Families,

It's an exciting time to be a Grizzly! 2021-2022 was an amazing year! Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into the High Point Academy family. My first year at HPA flew by and I am so proud of how much we accomplished. I set ambitious goals for our students and staff and feel tremendous momentum as we look ahead into a new school year. Year over year, HPA grows and improves, but last year was remarkable in many ways. To name a few:

- We stopped the COVID slide! By the end of the year, we saw incredible growth in our students. For example, in reading, 97% of our third graders showed improvement in reading. These are the same students who missed a huge portion of 1st grade when schools closed due to COVID. We saw similar gains all over the school.
- Teachers grew professionally - learning about each student's successes and areas for improvement in the Data Room and growing in their teaching craft by implementing strategies called guided reading, guided math and group reading and group math.
- A beautiful new bus sits in our parking lot, with another arriving this month, and a third later this fall. Our bus problems are solved!
- The new playground has been installed! The fully fenced, one acre of playspace is ready, the grass is greening and the outdoor classroom is roofed and ready for learning.
- Along with our academic achievements, I am also so proud of our athletics and arts programs. Our extracurricular programs are continuing to expand and are second to none!

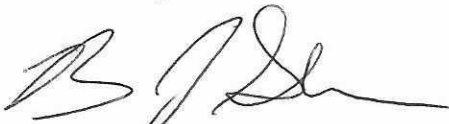
Because last year was so successful, we are poised to become even better during the 2022-2023 school year. We have great plans to help make High Point Academy THE school of choice for academically minded families like yours. In the coming weeks and months, you can expect to hear about:

- Our continued focus is on academic excellence. This will never change.
 - We will continue building solid foundations in reading and math as well as growing our knowledge of guided reading and guided math.

- As a STEAM school, we are expanding our hands-on engineering curriculum, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), to include elementary and more middle and high school classes. Our goal is to become the first Certified PLTW School east of the Mississippi River.
- HPA remains a local leader with innovative programs including drone certification and biomedical science. Our high school offers a whopping total of SEVEN career clusters, an astonishingly high number for a high school of our size!
- We plan to launch major fundraising campaigns. As a charter school, we receive approximately 60% of the funding of a traditional public school. We do a great job with what we have, but we want to provide the BEST for our children, so we need to raise funds with the future in mind, including
 - A renovation of the Performing Arts Center
 - Beginning groundwork for future ballfields on site (baseball, softball, soccer, track and field)
- In an effort to make your lives easier, we are going to transition everyone at HPA to a new communication tool called ParentSquare. This tool will simplify everything because we will ALL be using the same platform. You will be able to choose how you want to receive the information - via email, text or app notification. No more hunting through a million different apps for every class, club and team. It will all be on ParentSquare.
- HPA has always been committed to the principles of honor, integrity and service. This year, we intend to increase our emphasis on service. One way people are already serving is through a volunteer workday to spruce up the outside of our building to create a welcoming first impression of our school. We will also be incorporating acts of service for our student athletes this year.

Rest assured, this is only the tip of the iceberg of the goodness that's to come this year. We are excited to welcome back our returning leadership team. Chartwell's is coming back to our lunchroom stocked with some upgraded kitchen equipment to serve your children. Our staff is packed with amazing teachers and faculty. We are ready to build on the gains of last year and make this year the best year ever. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe, stay healthy, and we'll see you at Meet the Teacher on August 8th!

With anticipation,



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