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Dear Parents / Guardians,

From our perspective, the school year seems to have gotten off to a good start. Hopefully, things in your household are going just as well as we all adjust to the fact that the summer is over and the new school year is now in full swing.

I want to take a moment to introduce myself. The ninth grade students and parents should already know me as I was the principal of the junior high school last year. This year, I will be serving as the principal of both the junior high school as well as the senior high school. Sometimes, I have to ask myself if I really know what I am getting myself into. Actually, I am very much looking forward to the challenge.

I began my education career a few years ago. Actually, more years than I would like to admit. I was a Health and Physical Education teacher at the Upper Merion Area High School in King of Prussia for ten years. While I was there, I also served as a basketball coach, softball coach, and class advisor following two classes as they navigated through their four year high school careers.

When I earned my principal certification, I accepted a job at Pleasant Valley Middle School in Brodheadsville as an assistant principal. After two years there, I accepted a position as an assistant principal at Lower Merion High School in Ardmore. After a five year tenure there, I became the principal of Chichester Middle School in Delaware County where I also stayed for five years.

With all of these positions, my focus has always been the same. I try to make every decision based on the best interests of the students. And I have every intention of maintaining this same approach in this new position.

Another change this year involves Mr. DeSocio. Last year, he served as the Dean of Students for both schools. Some of you may remember that he was a guidance counselor at the high school for a number of years. This year, he is our new assistant principal for grades 7 through 12.

Even though I was the junior high school principal last year, I toured the high school hallways on a daily basis. So I know what it is going to take to return the pride that is clearly evident in the community. The decision as to our building goal this year was a simple one. We have to instill that sense of pride here in every student and staff member. We have to bring back Blue Bomber Pride.

On the first day of school, I identified a number of things for the faculty and students with regard to how we were going to approach and do things. However, each and every item that I mentioned had one ultimate purpose. Ensuring that the dot on the map representing Palmerton gets just a little bit bigger as we all increase that overall level of pride.

Organizations big and small all realize that their success is directly linked to their culture and climate. Business consultants earn hefty salaries trying to help companies move their organizations in a positive direction. And we are on the way to taking that same approach. We are going to bring back Blue Bomber Pride with everything we do. And we want to count on your help and support as we move forward.

If I can help with any questions or concerns you might have, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Husar
Principal

cc: S. Engler – Superintendent
R. DeSocio – Assistant Principal