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Dear Mahwah Community,

There is something so invigorating about planning for the first day of school and some of that includes selecting the right outfit, gathering new materials, and getting a new haircut all representing the **hope** and excitement for the future school year to come. It's a new beginning from which we reflect on our past experiences to allow for all of us to be better this year than the year before.

For the first time ever, we have decided to communicate to both our staff and family community with the same opening day letter. Our combined experiences over the last two years taught us that we are one and, therefore, reading the same welcome-back greetings makes most sense.

Returning to this school year after a well-deserved summer break, while recharging our batteries and enjoying time with our loved ones, we are now ready to take on the task ahead of us. Hope requires us to look ahead at the endless **possibilities** before us.

The 2022-2023 school year will be a year of firsts and a year of continuing on a path that is guided by Year Three of our district's strategic plan. And in order to meet our accomplishments, we direct our attention to nourishing you, our students, our staff, and ourselves with the refreshment of **hope and possibility** that will serve as integral goals for this upcoming school year.

Part of that nourishment is our continued partnership in our students' educational experiences. The school doors will be open to parents, community members, and businesses to ensure that our students are obtaining a well-rounded learning experience.

To our staff, we look forward to welcoming you back and continuing to provide an educational program that can be viewed as a point of pride for this Mahwah Community. We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated and talented educators on this team. We've missed you and welcome you back!

To our families, we request your participation in our school buildings and as a part of our instructional programs! Volunteer when you can in our classrooms through our Thunderbird Partnership Program. Learn about our programs through our Parent Academy. Get involved in your school's HSO! Join us at our Board of Education meetings. Individual schools will be sharing more information about how to get involved. The school is only as strong as the community partnerships that it possesses.

The 2022-2023 school year is viewed with a sense of **HOPE** and excitement for the **POSSIBILITIES** ahead. Together, the potential for what is to come remains powerful for all of us.

Sincerely,

Michael DeTuro, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools