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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome Back to School for the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to begin the new year and are looking forward to the many events and milestones the school year has to offer. As with the last two years, we continue to focus on student academic progress data to identify and address student learning needs. Through things like the use of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and the alignment of our curriculum to standards, we strive to work with students to set academic goals and develop a path to meet those goals. At Allison Park, the building enters its second year with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports to help recognize and develop positive behavior and character in our students.

Last year, we implemented a K-6 STEAM program at Allison Park and added a Minecraft elective in Mr. Fulton's class. This year at the high school, we will be launching an E-Sports club, under the leadership of Mr. Sean McNally. To broaden their use of Microsoft applications in the classroom, all teachers are being trained in the Microsoft Educator Academy so that we can take full advantage of the instructional technology and apply it to our lessons and activities for students.

Speaking of activities, with the new year is a new opportunity to become involved in the arts. Our new choral teacher, Mrs. Tafe, is launching a Fall play this semester, which will be performed in November. We are looking to expand clubs for students as well, including the development of National Junior Honor Society, a Drama Club at the Elementary School, and an Advanced Placement Course Club that would help students prepare for those AP classes and exams, with an eye on increasing enrollment in those classes.

Some other changes this year includes partnering with the Nutrition Group and our current cafeteria staff to provide meals to our students that are both nutritious and appealing to students. We are also bringing on our own school police officers this Fall, who will work to build relationships with students, families and community members while serving and protecting our schools.

All of this comes back to the question we ask ourselves every year: "How can we best meet the needs of the individual students so that they develop an education that will help them flourish in the worlds of school and work?"

It is a pleasure to serve as Superintendent and work with the School Board, Administration, Faculty and Parents to develop programs and rigorous courses that challenge our students to be the best that they can be today and well into the future.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gary Peiffer
Superintendent