Dear MRH Families,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. The beginning of each school year brings much excitement, some change, and perhaps even some trepidation. Students look forward to seeing friends, some of whom they may not have seen since June and parents/guardians are excited to see their children off for the start of another year, wondering what the year will bring.

Over the summer I reflected on the previous school year and the needs of our district. I have listened carefully to the feedback, from my listening and learning tour, from staff, families and students. It was clear that in order for us to continue to grow as a community, we must expand rigorous and equitable academic and extra-curricular opportunities, continue to strengthen our tiered systems of support, offer authentic opportunities to collaborate, and strengthen communication.

All of these endeavors have the potential to profoundly shape our school community. By focusing on opportunities, supports, collaboration, and communication, we will strengthen academic achievement for all learners, build strong social emotional supports in our schools, empower staff and principals to make intentional decisions that support our schools. Most importantly, we will be better able to unlock the talents and gifts of all students, providing the foundation required for them to realize their full potential, whether it is post-secondary or entering the workforce.

It is also important to share that since June, the District has made progress on several important projects to improve the experience for students and our families.

- We completed the installation of GPS on buses with the app set to launch this month.
- We are close to completion of the first phase of construction at our Middle/High School campus, creating a Middle School entry, adding classrooms, modernizing the Research & Design Center, and expanding the cafeteria.
- We have launched a new District communication <u>app</u> that will improve communication with staff and families.
- We have added new staff to further support the needs of staff and students.

While a great deal has been accomplished, we still have much more work to do.

Let's make the 2022-2023 school year one to remember -- not for its challenges, but for the way our community works together during challenging times with the best interest of our students at the core of everything we do and the decisions we make.

Lastly, as we prepare to welcome our students back into our school community, please share your first day photos to info@mrhschools.net using the hashtag #mrh1stday22. I look forward to seeing both you and our learners on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Welcome back!

With Blue Devil pride,

Dr. Bonita E. Jamison Superintendent