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LETTER TO THE TEAM #6  
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### ***Safe, Smart, Start***

It is with great anticipation that we will welcome our students, faculty, and staff back for the first day of school with a start date of September the 8th. Faculty and staff, please review the updated [school calendar](#) for the 2020-2021 school year which includes professional in-service days. The first day for teachers and paraeducators is August 24th, commencing with the virtual convocation from 8:00-10:00 AM. I am excited to begin a new year with each of you filled with unlimited possibilities for all students to shine their talent brightly.

In the time of remote learning last Spring, many of our talented faculty and staff members were able to rise to greatness to make connections with students and families in the midst of a global pandemic. This year, we are strategically planning to begin the year with the Hybrid Instructional Model which will allow for students, faculty, and staff to learn health and safety procedures, and to develop lasting relationships with a smaller group of students initially.

This week's "Letter to the Team" includes a link with pertinent information in regard to a [Healthy & Safe Start](#) and [Athletics](#). The Healthy & Safe Start document is a bit cumbersome; however if you were to read the "new" and "revised" information it will provide you an extensive overview on health and safety guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year. The most current information is trending positive and includes a path toward bringing students back for a greater amount of face to face instruction if the health indicators continue to improve. The importance of beginning the year working together to ensure a Safe, Smart, Start is of paramount importance. Be safe and be well.

### ***Quotable***

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."  
—Maya Angelou

***Enthusiastically Yours,***

Jim Tager