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To: Milton Public School Faculty and Staff From: Mary C. Gormley, Superintendent

RE: Superintendent's Welcome Back to School Letter

Date: August 17, 2018

As we prepare for the start of our 2018-2019 school year, our Boston Red Sox are having a record-breaking historic year of their own. Their talent, hard work, self-discipline, and winning attitude all combine to put them on track to have the best regular season of all time. As go the Red Sox, so goes the Milton Public Schools, and I am excited to welcome Milton's own team– all staff and students!

It's time for our season to begin, and I hope a summer of rest, relaxation and time with friends and family has you ready for what I believe will be a record-breaking season. Here is our upcoming schedule – pre-season workouts begin August 20 for new staff and administrators, August 27 for the entire MPS coaching staff, and finally, August 29 is our opening day with the whole MPS team ready to play ball. Our farm team of Pre-K and K students gets an extra few days of summer training and will join the team on September 4.

As we reflect on the 2017-2018 season, our team had a great record with plenty of solid hits, home runs, and a few grand slams!

- MHS Advanced Placement students crushed their AP exams
- Our graduates have embarked on impressive **Future Plans**
- Our student athletes **Excelled** beyond all expectations
- The MHS and Pierce Parent Portals were launched with great success
- The Pierce Student Council brought **<u>Peace</u>** to Milton
- Pierce fostered **Peer Leadership Opportunities with the ADL**
- Collicot showed us all that Collicot Cares
- <u>Glover Kids</u> earned the distinction of leaders of tomorrow
- Cunningham led the way on Flexibility
- **Tucker Enriched** their Tucker Tigers everyday
- Our Elementary schools scored big in the first year of Reach for Reading
- Our crackerjack <u>Staff</u> continued to be recognized for excellence
- Summer Professional Development for our staff was extensive
- Our **PARENT Speaker Series** was a shut out

- Our School Committee and Staff approved a new MPS Strategic Plan
- Our Fan Base of Parents and Guardians continued to support the Milton Public Schools through organizations such as PTOs, Site Councils, Milton's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), Milton Foundation for Education (MFE), Friends and Advocates for Music Education (FAME), Citizens for a Diverse Milton (CDM), Milton Partnership for Arts & Cultural Enrichment (MPACE), and Boosters

I am confident that our 2018-2019 team will improve on this impressive record.

Our student enrollment is 4,284 students, an increase of 102 students from this time last year.

Our coaching staff is also expanding and we are very excited to add this talent to our roster.

Our stadiums are in stellar shape thanks to the <u>pre-season work</u> over the summer by Consolidated Facilities and our <u>grounds crew</u>.

Our talented players have been working hard over the summer involved in Advanced Placement summer assignments, Summer Reading and Math, Extended School Year Services, Camp Cunningham, Welcome to Middle School Orientations, and our MHS Bridge and Calculus Projects. Our students know that the keys to a winning season include teamwork, practice and resilience – while working with the best coaching staff in the league.

All Staff Opening Day Schedules

All Staff Opening Day One: Monday, August 27, 2018

Opening Day Kick Off at MHS Auditorium @ 8am (coffee will be served at 7:30am): All MPS staff (Units A, B, C, D, AFSCME, HRS, and Community Schools)

- Synergy Security Session and Legal Issues
- Principals will meet staff at home schools after lunch

Staff Opening Day Two: Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Professional Development at Individual Schools (Units A, B only) should plan to attend an all-day professional development. Locations and times will be announced by Principals/Department Heads.

It is time for us to play ball and hit it out of the park! Let's make the 2018-2019 season one for the history books for the Milton Public Schools. I know that just like our Boston Red Sox, we too are on deck for the best season yet!

Please enjoy the last days of summer, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon...and <u>it's root, root, root for</u> the home team...

Sincerely,

Mary C Sarnley

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