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Dear BHS & Phoenix Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are fired up to kick off another incredible year of growth and learning. As we enjoy the completed physical updates to BHS from our Bond projects, our primary focus remains straightforward: refining what we do well to build the best high school in Minnesota—where every student sees themselves as a vital part of our collective success. We continue to ground our work in our 5x3 daily schedule, the wide variety of college in the schools courses, the BHS Instructional and Assessment Framework, and the BHM Portrait of a Graduate.

BHS Mission Statement: *In partnership with our families and community, Buffalo High School prepares each student for a successful future. In an academically rigorous and supportive environment, we prioritize learning, equity, and meaningful relationships. Together, we value student agency, growth, and connections.*

The BHS Mission Statement asserts that we prepare *each* student for a successful future. We know every student will forge their own unique path—whether through traditional coursework, advanced CIS/AP offerings, or flexible programming like Bison Online. It is our challenge to keep all doors of opportunity open by encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones, take on new challenges, and master the [High School Essential Skills](#) outlined in our [Portrait of a Graduate](#).

Building meaningful relationships is at the heart of our mission, supported by our four core values: **Be Kind | Be Proud | Be Driven | Be Leaders**. To build the best high school in Minnesota, we need everyone to embody these principles daily. As Principal, I am committed to modeling these values and challenge our entire school community to do the same.

This year, we are taking the next step in our approach of **“Rigor with Support”** by raising expectations around attendance, academics, and digital wellness. To ensure students are fully **“Present in the Room”** and engaged in their learning, we are placing a strong emphasis on limiting cell phone usage during class time. Personal devices must be silenced and put away during instruction. *If students bring their phones to school, they’ll be expected to store them in a cell phone storage space that will be in all classrooms.* By minimizing screen distractions, we protect student focus, support mental well-being, and build stronger face-to-face connections. We ask for your partnership at home in reinforcing these healthy habits.

Key Kick-Off Dates:

- **BHS Open House:** Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (*Handout included*)

- **Class of 2030 Freshman First Day:** Monday, August 31, 2026 (*Required for 9th Grade only*)
- **First Day for ALL Students (Grades 9–12):** Tuesday, September 1, 2026 (*Regular schedule*)

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Please talk with your student about their goals for the upcoming year. With everyone working toward our shared mission, there are no limits to what our students can achieve. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 26!

Sincerely,

Mark Mischke

Principal, Buffalo High School



The place to **dream, believe and achieve.**