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Dear BHS/Phoenix Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! As we prepare for another exciting year, we are filled with anticipation for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead for our students. While we are excited about the physical updates to BHS through our Bond projects, our focus remains on continuing to build a High School where every student feels like an essential part of our school community's success.

Over the past two years, we've made great strides in implementing our BHS Instructional and Assessment Frameworks, and we successfully transitioned to the 5x3 daily schedule. At the district level, the **BHM Portrait of a Graduate** continues to guide our efforts, and this year, we'll work on refining our approach to ensure every student is equipped with the skills they need for success, no matter the path they choose after high school.

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.

As we move into the 2025-26 school year, our commitment to our mission remains stronger than ever. We are dedicated to ensuring that every student has the tools and opportunities they need to succeed. Our **BHM Portrait of a Graduate** outlines the essential skills for success, and this year, we will continue to integrate these skills into our students' learning experiences. Our goal is to ensure every student steps outside their comfort zone, embraces challenges, and develops the confidence and skills needed for their future.

Our mission also emphasizes the importance of building **meaningful relationships** within our school community. To achieve this, we continue to focus on our four core values: **Be Kind, Be Proud, Be Driven, and Be Leaders**. These values are at the heart of what we do, and I encourage each of you to discuss them with your student as we work together to build a positive and collaborative school culture.

This year, we're also introducing **Bison Online**, a flexible learning option designed to meet the unique needs of our students. We know that each student's path to success is different, and we see **Bison Online** as an exciting new opportunity to help our students succeed in a way that works best for them.

As we approach the start of the school year, I ask for your understanding as we complete the final stages of our major facility upgrades. I will provide updates on when classrooms will be accessible and other relevant information.

To kick off the year, we have two important dates to remember:

- **Tuesday, September 2:** Welcome, Class of 2029! This is the required first day of school for freshmen only.
- **Wednesday, September 3:** First day of classes for all students in grades 9-12 on a regular schedule.

I encourage you to talk with your student about their goals for this year and to help them start the year with a clear vision for success. Together, with our shared mission, there are no limits to what our students can achieve.

We look forward to seeing you at **Open House on Wednesday, August 27, 2025**. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

Mark Mischke

Principal Buffalo High School