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Dear Lowell High School Parents,

I hope this email finds you well and especially delighted that the new school year has begun! We have had an extremely positive start and look forward to the year ahead. We are so very grateful to work with your children each day! Fall is such an important time for students to have the opportunity for a fresh start and develop new goals for the year. We have many resources at LHS available, so please don't hesitate to seek assistance from any administrator, counselor, teacher or other staff member in our school community at any time.

Some of our areas of focus this year at LHS are the following;

We are a teaching and learning community – we continue to strive to inspire, educate and prepare our students for the 21st century. As a reminder our Core Values include; Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Engagement and Respect. You can see more detailed information about this in the Parent and Student Handbook on page 8.

Parent communication - to ensure parents have the most up-to-date information we need accurate email addresses. Staff has been asked to work on updating all parent emails this fall so you don't miss out on any communication home. I can't stress how important this is! We have just moved to a new website structure which we hope you find easier to follow. It is still under construction but we do plan to continue to use this as an important communication tool for parents. I will also post updates on the Head of School Blog, and for folks that use twitter, follow me on @lowellhighHOS. Most of my updates will be through email and the website, the calls home will be used sparingly.

Kindness – as a school community we will focus on Kindness, which was already started with our summer assignments! As mentioned at our Day 1 student assemblies, I believe Kindness is a Universal Language, shared by all. We would like LHS to be the change we want to see in the world, because I am sure you can agree we need more Kindness in our world today!

Attendance – I mentioned this in my recent parent call. Attendance Matters in Lowell and we make it a priority to ensure every child has every opportunity for a high quality education. For this to happen, we need your support to ensure your child arrives to school on time, each day and ready to learn.

I also want to update you on a couple of other items. We have several breakfast carts set up so your child can have a healthy breakfast to start their day. The breakfast carts are open for grab and go each morning until the 7:50am bell at which time all students need to head to class for a 7:55am start. Additionally, we have had to make a few class changes, whereas some student schedules have been affected. If your child's schedule

was adjusted, I apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and support.

For your convenience, please see the calendar of events posted on our website for the upcoming school year. **Of note is our upcoming Open House on Tuesday, October 10th beginning at 5:30pm for Freshmen and 6:00pm for grades 10-12. I would like to invite you to an informal meet and greet in the Main Lobby of the High School (below the gym) on Fr. Morissette Blvd. from 5:00-6:00pm. Please stop by to say hello and enjoy some refreshments before you head off to your open house schedule. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the upcoming weeks.**

Warmest Regards,

Your Head of School
Marianne Busteed