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Dear Long Beach High School Students and Families,

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope this letter finds you in good health, relaxed and rejuvenated for a great year at Long Beach High School. It is difficult to believe that the start of the 2018-19 school year is only a few weeks away. As we enjoy our final weeks of summer vacation, I'm hopeful that there is also some excitement about returning to school and reconnecting with your LBHS Family. Over the past few weeks, the faculty and staff at Long Beach High School have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

This year, we will welcome a new Assistant Principal, Ms. Elizabeth Walsh-Bulger, who comes to us from the North Babylon School District and has already begun to settle into her new role. Ms. Walsh-Bulger is thrilled about returning home to her High School Alma Mater and she is looking forward to getting to know you and your students. We are all very excited about the knowledge, experience and enthusiasm that Ms. Walsh-Bulger brings with her. Please take a moment to say hello and to introduce yourself when you see her. The high school has certainly been a busy place and we are beginning to see some impressive changes within the building. Crews are putting the finishing touches on improvements in our gymnasium as well as our auditorium sound system. We are all very excited for you to see the progress in the upcoming weeks.

We, at Long Beach High School, continue to strive toward providing our students with the highest quality educational experience. We are incredibly proud of our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the positive difference it has made in our school culture. We are proud of all that our students consistently achieve and we continue to earn accolades in a variety of programs. Our students rank among the very best scholars, athletes, performers and artists in the nation. Just recently, our school was recognized among the Best Communities in the nation for music education. Our teachers enthusiastically embrace the district's mission of developing inquiring, knowledgeable and enthusiastic students who value and demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills. We will continue to work to maintain all of our excellent course offerings, and strive to enhance all of our programs. We are confident that we are doing everything we can do to prepare our students for success.

We will continue to strive to fully prepare our students for college, career, and citizenship, by focusing on the "whole child", and providing opportunities for all of our students. Our academic and extra-curricular programs at the high school enhance our students' experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. We will continue to create new clubs and electives that are aligned with the vision and mission of our district and the demands of the 21st century. A list of

our extracurricular clubs and meeting times will be posted on the webpage. We hope that all of our students will join at least one of our many clubs.

As we continue our efforts to reduce waste and make environmentally responsible decisions, Long Beach High School will continue to incorporate digital communications through our Parent Portal system, email, website, and our Parenlink system. If you do not have an active Parent Portal account, please complete the registration form which can be found on our website and is also available in our main office. http://www.lbeach.org/district/parent_portal. If you have any issues with the parent portal you can send questions to schooltool@lbeach.org. It is very important that the email address listed in the parent portal is current. Please take a few moments to update all of your contact information on the parent portal as soon as possible.

As a reminder, we will continue to use a single point of entry to the school building during the day. Visitors will need to show proper identification and state the purpose of their visit before they will be permitted to enter the building. All visitors will be required to enter through the main entrance on the bay side of the campus. Recent events have resulted in the need for additional security measures to provide our students and staff with a safe and secure environment where learning is the main focus. While these measures may pose some minor inconvenience to our visitors, we appreciate your understanding and support for the increased level of safety they provide for our students and staff.

All parents are encouraged to attend our annual Back to School Night on Monday, September 24th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet our teachers and to learn more about our academic programs. Parents will follow their child's schedule and will attend 10-minute presentations given by each teacher.

Finally, the first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 5th. First period begins at 7:55 a.m. Students are to report directly to their first period class as indicated on their schedule. Any questions regarding schedules should be directed to the guidance department. Please remember, most important to student success is parent involvement. Please continue to ask questions and keep the lines of communication open. Feel comfortable emailing me at jmyers@lbeach.org or calling me at 516-897-2013, with any concerns or questions you may have. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of feeling confident that your child is in a positive and nurturing learning environment.

On behalf of the entire Long Beach High School administration and faculty, please accept my best wishes for a successful school year.

Warmly,

Jeffrey R. Myers, Principal

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