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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome back to an exciting school year at beautiful Mt. Abram High School! I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to hearing from each of you about your adventures. We have a lot of awesome activities planned for you for your school year.

A few upcoming events include:

- August 31st-Guest Speaker-Rob Surette "Amazing Art Hero"
- September 1st-Vacation Day-No School
- September 4th-Labor Day-No School
- September 13th-Senior Year Kick Off Night
- September 15th-Fall Picture Day-all students and fall sports
- September 18th-22nd-Gear Up Week
- September 20th-Early Release
- October 9th-Columbus Day-No School
- October 10th-13th-Homecoming Spirit Week
- October 13th-Homecoming Dance & Bonfire
- October 14th-Homecoming Float Parade and Soccer

The first day of school for freshman students is Wednesday, August 30th from 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All students return to school on Thursday, August 31st from 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We have a special guest speaker on Thursday, August 31st, Rob Surette-Amazing Art Hero. Mr. Surette is here to help us kick off our school year. He is our first guest speaker in our Guest Speaker Series for our 2017-2018 school year and is funded through our Gear Up Grant.

On the first day of school you will receive your Back to School packets on your first day of school. **There is a lot of very important paperwork that is due back to the main office by Friday, September 15th.** Included in this packet will be your Yankee Candle Fundraiser packet. The Yankee Candle sale is from September 8th-26th. **All monies and order forms are due back to Mrs. Tranten no later than Friday, September 26th.** This fundraiser brings in 40% profit for each class that goes toward their Senior Class Trip and Prom. There are many great gift ideas that will be delivered by October. A great way to shop for Christmas and support our students!

To continue to support you, our students, we offer RTI for all students during Seminar time. This is a 33 minute time block after lunch where students will work with a current teacher to enhance the skills needed to be

successful in academic areas. There will be “priority” days for Math and ELA (Language Arts) as well as “tag” days for Science and Social Studies for the 2017-2018 school year. If a student does not need RTI on a priority day they will have a guided academic support to allow time to complete course work to support them with their busy school, sport, and work schedules. **Seminar time will follow this schedule: Monday-Academic Check In and Academic Goal Setting; Tuesday-Open Tag Day for 4 core content areas; Wednesday-RTI-ELA; Thursday-RTI-Math; Friday-Academic Goal Reflection and Open Tab Day for 4 core content areas for the 1st-3rd Friday of the month. The 4th Friday of the month is an Academic Goal Celebration for specific achievement of each student meeting a goal or goals they set.**

To assist with communication and to assist our students, each student will receive a planner. This planner will be used for communicating to students about RTI priority days and where to report. **Planners are required for every student and are necessary for RTI.** Planners are also used for documenting homework, special events or activities and additional important information they need to keep track of for their school year. These student planners were funded for our students by our Gear Up Grant.

We are offering academic support and tutoring after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:30 every week. Our new Gear Up Coordinator/RTI Facilitator/PLP Instructor, Lindsay Dakers, will be the teacher working with students at each of these sessions. We strongly encourage students to use this service to support their academics. There may be times that a teacher or administrator will call home and ask that you support your young adult in attending a tutoring session or multiple sessions. This is a great service and will aid in helping our students be extremely successful.

Be sure to visit our NEW and UPDATED MSAD #58 School District website at www.msad58.org. This is where you will find sports paperwork, sports schedules, the MTA Student & Parent Handbook 2017-2018, School Counseling information including scholarships and financial aid information, current events at MTA and current newsletters.

Attendance is so important for every student. I encourage each of you to attend daily and to be on time to school. When you are not here we miss you! You also miss very valuable information that is critical to your success in high school and in life. If you do need to be absent from school or tardy, we ask that you follow all procedures to make up your work as outlined in our Student Handbook. If excessive tardies or absences occur, I will be reaching out to parents to request a meeting to develop a plan for each individual student.

I am here to support each of you; students, parents, and guardians. Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 678-2701 ext. 4101 or mtranten@msad58.org. I will continue to update you on our new website with important information, events and dates.

Remember, high school is what you choose to make it. Get involved with a sport, a club, an activity that you are passionate about, that you love, that you enjoy. Don't be afraid to try something new. You may find that you love it. Whatever you do, be involved and be active.

I look forward to seeing each of you on your first day back to school! Have an amazing school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle S. Tranten, M. Ed.
Principal