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Dear Blue Waves families,

Welcome back to school! I am so excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year on September 6th. We know it'll be another wonderful year.

The summer of 2022 at Riverhead Central School District was incredibly productive. Our high school and middle school summer enrichment programs, always highlights of the season, were visited by *Newsday* staff for a story on summer instruction on Long Island. Our SCOPE Summer Enrichment program offered several classes, including the STEM-based Camp Invention program and summer art and music camps. Students in grades 1-9 engaged in group and individualized instruction to achieve academic and social gains in the six-week Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Program. Our high school students participated in the Stony Brook University HCARE Program, and four NJROTC cadets underwent Leadership Academy/sail training in Newport, Rhode Island. Additionally, our community enjoyed Blue Masques members, alumni, and friends putting on their awesome production of *Between You & Me*.

Summer is coming to an end, however, and we have a whole list of notable updates as we prepare for the new school year. Please read on to learn about all **the administration, building and curriculum improvements made over the summer** in preparation for the new school year.

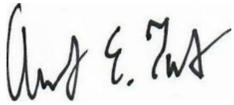
- Riverhead Middle School's new administrative team has been established, and increased elective course options will be offered.
- A nine-period day will be introduced at the middle school and high school.
- The Thrive in Five and Multi-Tiered System of Support plans will be implemented.
- The District's Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plans for Roanoke Ave. Elementary School and Riverhead Middle School have been approved by the New York State Department of Education.
- A comprehensive technology plan and Code of Characters, Conduct and Support plan have been developed.
- Physical plant updates, Makerspaces in all buildings, and the installation of state-of-the-art BenQ Interactive Displays in classrooms were completed over the summer.

- Two Riverhead students—a first for the district—earned the Seal of Biliteracy over the summer. The Seal is bestowed upon students who have studied and demonstrated exceptional proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.
- New course offerings at the middle school and high school, as well as refined elementary courses, will be offered as a result of summer curriculum development.
- A continued and more comprehensive partnership with ReThink ED will enhance their support of Social and Emotional Learning in the District.
- A partnership with Peconic Bay Medical Center is being developed that will foster internships for students, provide health care experts as guest speakers, and emphasize women’s medical health issues.
- Updated professional development initiatives were put in place to support middle school and high school science teachers.
- Science 21, a new science program for K-5 students, will be offered in the new school year.

Also, please keep in mind our ongoing responses to the pandemic. Governor Hochul has announced there will be no mask mandate for the time being. Plus, the CDC has issued updated guidance that we will be following for the start of this school year. Regarding the wearing of masks, we recognize that many people—students and staff—will still feel more comfortable wearing masks indoors. Therefore, while masks will not be required in school, we want anyone who still wishes to wear masks to feel comfortable with that decision and to know their decision will be respected by all in our schools. We will also continue our diligent cleaning procedures to combat contagions and maintain a sanitized and safe learning environment for our students.

I hope everyone has great final weeks of summer! If you have not yet received your District calendar, it is forthcoming. I can’t wait to begin another year of tremendous student achievement and growth.

Sincerely,



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