

September 1, 2021

Dear Haldane Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you back to school! Our faculty and staff have been on campus for the past two days preparing to welcome students. While the operation of the school never stops, there is a void that is filled when our students return.

As you are aware, the COVID pandemic is still influencing how we operate our campus. Please refer to the [Reopening Handbook for Families](#) for an overview of our most recent health and safety procedures. The routine testing of students and staff will be an important aspect of maintaining a safe learning environment for all - please complete this [consent form](#) to allow us to include your child(ren) in our COVID testing program. All students are eligible, regardless of vaccination status.

While the district's goals for the upcoming year are still in draft form, I feel comfortable sharing that these goals will coalesce around the following areas:

- Continued management of health and safety procedures in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, while emphasizing full access to in-person instruction
- Engagement in long-term planning efforts to assess and plan for future facilities needs
- Continued coherence planning efforts with an emphasis on ensuring alignment in our students' experiences as they progress through the Haldane schools

As I reflect on the many stories I have learned about Haldane, I am reminded that we are standing on the shoulders of those who have come before us - the faculty and staff members, parents, and students who built the Haldane we know and love.

Entering this school year, let's continue our community-wide effort to give those who inherit the Haldane of the future a good place on which to lay their feet.

I wish you and your families a safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools