GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOL John L. Miller – Great Neck North High School 35 Polo Road Great Neck, New York 11023

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Dear Parents & Students:

I would like to welcome you to J. L. Miller Great Neck North High School! We have certainly shared an unprecedented educational experience in recent months and are eager to open our doors and get this new school year started!

The high school years are of critical importance not only to forge a path towards graduation, but also to grow, discover, and mature. High school is a time for students to discover their passions, develop self-confidence and grit, and become stronger, smarter, and more socially responsible. Through active participation in co-curricular activities and immersion in the Great Neck North school culture, you will not only have fun, but also find meaning and fulfillment in your career as a student. Together, with the support and guidance of our talented and caring staff of teachers, administrators, coaches, and counselors, we will construct a meaningful, vibrant, and personalized experience for all our students.

This year, we are holding our activities, meetings and events in-person. In conjunction with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), our Annual Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 P.M. This event, designed to celebrate a new school year, serves as an invitation to be involved in your child's high school experience, and provides the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and become familiar with the course content and expectations.

An additional event to be aware of is our orientation program for underclassmen (juniors, sophomores and freshmen) and our Senior College Night scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 P.M. (details will follow in the coming weeks) and is a great opportunity to learn more about your child's educational journey.

Our Calendar-Handbook is complete and will be published on our website shortly. When it is, I encourage all students and parents to review the regulations and expectations in the handbook. We have found that when parents and students read and discuss the expectations together, they have a shared and collaborative understanding of school expectations and attend more schoolwide events.

In an ongoing effort to grow our security measures, the district has been upgrading its safety and security protocols at all schools. One such change has been the implementation of student ID cards at the high schools. All students are expected to arrive at school wearing ID badges and they are to do so for the entire school day. ID badges grant access in and out of the building,

restrooms, and library. If you have questions regarding our safety protocols, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

The PTO and Shared Decision-Making are two vital, collaborative groups that work with our staff to keep lines of communication open and effective. In both of these important groups, parents and school staff work together to discuss, design, and plan initiatives to strengthen our school and our school community. I encourage you to become a member of our very active PTO and attend our monthly meetings.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all our students on August 31! Students will start the school day on an Advisory schedule on both Wednesday, August 31 and Friday, September 2. Advisory period begins promptly at 8:00 A.M. for peer leaders, freshmen, and sophomores. Period 1 begins at 8:36 A.M for all students on advisory days.

The staff at J. L. Miller Great Neck North High School is committed to fostering a safe, nurturing, welcoming, and supportive environment for all students. We look forward to meeting you and sharing a successful and exciting school year together! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you any questions or should an issue arise.

Sincerely,

Dan Holtzman

Dan Holtzman, Ed.D. Principal