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Dear Edgemont Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, I am filled with anticipation and pride for the journey we are about to undertake together. This year holds the promise of innovation, creativity, and a deepened sense of community that will enrich the lives of our students and the entire Edgemont family.

The start of a new school year is always a time of excitement and renewal. It is a moment when we open new chapters, set fresh goals, and embrace the possibilities that lie ahead. In Edgemont, our focus this year will be on creating dynamic learning environments where innovation thrives. We are committed to providing opportunities for creativity and exploration, ensuring that every student can discover and nurture their unique talents. Our classrooms will be spaces where curiosity is encouraged, where students engage with cutting-edge technologies, and where they are empowered to think critically and creatively.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that every student's story matters. This year, we are dedicated to fostering spaces where students feel empowered to share their personal narratives. Innovation will be at the heart of our approach, as we continue to integrate cutting-edge technologies and forward-thinking practices into our classrooms. Whether through our expanding STEAM programs, creative arts initiatives, or interdisciplinary projects, we are committed to providing our students with the tools and opportunities they need to think critically, solve complex problems, and create with confidence.

However, innovation is only part of our story. We also understand the importance of connection, of creating spaces where students feel seen, heard, and valued. This year, we are dedicating ourselves to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to share their personal narrative. We believe that by embracing each individual's story, we can foster a deep sense of belonging within our schools. It is through these shared experiences that we build a strong, inclusive community where every student feels they are an integral part of something greater than themselves.

We understand that a strong sense of belonging is foundational to learning, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that each student feels seen, heard, and valued within our schools. By embracing the diverse stories of our students, we strengthen the bonds that make our community so special.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to maintaining the high-quality educational experience that defines Edgemont. Our talented teachers and staff are devoted to pushing the boundaries of excellence, challenging our students to reach their fullest potential, and supporting them every step of the way. We are not only preparing students for academic success; we are preparing them for life. Our ongoing quest to create the profile of the Edgemont

graduate is central to this mission. We envision our graduates as individuals who are not only academically accomplished, but also innovative, compassionate, and equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world. This profile is a living document, one that will continue to evolve as we engage our community in defining the attributes we most value.

In addition to these educational priorities, we are also focused on several key initiatives that will enhance the overall experience for our students. This year, we will be finalizing more of our district curriculum maps, ensuring that our instructional practices are aligned and coherent across all grade levels. We are excited to start the gradual rollout of standards-based report cards, which will provide clearer and more meaningful feedback on student progress, allowing for a deeper understanding of each child's strengths and areas for growth.

Our commitment to enhancing our facilities and ensuring the safety and security of our students is unwavering. We will continue to invest in upgrades that create a safe, welcoming, and inspiring environment for learning. Moreover, we are dedicated to providing individualized learning opportunities, recognizing that each student's path to success is unique. Through personalized instruction and support, we will help every student reach their goals.

As we begin this new school year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you—students, parents, and staff—for your dedication, your trust, and your partnership. To our students, know that you are the reason we do what we do. We are here to support you, to challenge you, and to celebrate your successes. To our parents and families, thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being our partners in this important work. And to our incredible staff, thank you for your passion, your creativity, and your unwavering commitment to excellence.

Together, let's make the 2024-2025 school year a time of growth, innovation, and connection. I am confident that, with your support, we will continue to build on our strong foundation and achieve great things.

Yours for the sake of All children,



Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton