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Dear Colleagues,

September always brings a special kind of energy. The excitement of new beginnings, fresh notebooks, and reunited work friendships is invigorating. I am thrilled to welcome you back to launch a new school year!

And this year feels different to me. It's bold. It's charged with anticipation for what's ahead because our district has just launched an ambitious new strategic plan that will guide us for the next five years. This plan isn't just a document; it's our compass as we bridge the best of our traditional excellence with future-ready innovation. It reflects our deep commitment to elevating teaching and learning, so that every initiative helps shape a generation of curious thinkers, bold creators, and resilient citizens.

With this new plan underway, we're embracing a year of meaningful growth and transformation. Change can be energizing, and we're approaching it with enthusiasm, purpose, and a clear focus on what matters most to our students and shared mission. As Chris Stapleton captures so well in his song "Starting Over," new beginnings ask real resilience of us but they also open the door to something better. That's exactly the spirit we're bringing into this year. Every single one of you brings unique gifts, passion, and expertise to our hallways, and together, we have the power to make this our most impactful year yet. I ask you to bring a bold, adventurous spirit to our work every day. Remember that each new school year isn't just a calendar shift, it's a fresh canvas or a clean slate. This year is a ripe opportunity to ignite curiosity and transform the lives of a brand-new group of students.

As you will see in my parent newsletter, beyond the new strategic plan, the district is also adopting a new cell phone policy and embracing a world where AI has become more prevalent. We have plans to discuss all of this with you (and more!) during the first days back to school. All of this will be enmeshed in our work together.

I can't wait to see where this journey takes us. Together, let's inquire, inspire, and grow!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hart, Ph.D.
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