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Dear Patrick Henry Parents,

I hope you and your families are doing well. Thank you for all your support and help that you provided us throughout the school year. We are very excited for the upcoming school year whether it be at home or face to face. This school year every student will receive a Chromebook with built in wi-fi so we can be prepared for any circumstance.

In addition to the technology for every student, we are excited to announce that we are a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. This programme exposes your students to an international education which encourages personal and academic achievement.

We are most excited for this programme because it challenges students to excel in their studies and in their personal development, which aligns with the vision of the school. Through this programme, your child will have a better opportunity to be more prepared for high school and beyond. This challenging framework encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

Your students will also have the opportunity to complete a long-term project, where they decide what they want to learn about, identify what they already know, discovering what they will need to know to complete the project, and create a proposal or criteria for completing it. The programme along with the long-term project helps students develop their personal understanding, their emerging sense of self, and responsibility in their community.

We know that our students learn best when their learning experiences have context and are connected to their lives and their experience of the world that they have experienced. Using global contexts, students develop an understanding of their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet through developmentally appropriate explorations.

Action and service have always been shared values of the IB community. Students take action when they apply what they are learning in the classroom and beyond. IB learners strive to be caring members of the community who demonstrate a commitment to service—making a positive difference to the lives of others. Service as action is an integral part of the programme, especially in the community project.

We are thrilled to announce these new initiatives at Henry for the upcoming school year. We know with continued hard work, effective communication, and respect for one another, the sky is the limit for our school and the community. We look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Davila