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Dear Students,

I hope that I find everyone well-rested and ready to return to Terry Parker Senior High School (TPHS). During the summer, I had the opportunity to sit and talk to most of your instructional staff members and peers about the current status of Terry Parker Sr. High School and the direction in which this institution must be led. Our time together was instrumental as it allowed us to identify areas of immediate concern and pathways that will lead us to success. Their efforts and honesty during these sessions were greatly appreciated as their insights have allowed me to develop a vision that will assist in accelerating student achievement at TPHS.

As we commence into the 2009-2010 school year, we will be faced with new goals and expectations. Our goal for the coming school year is to make Terry Parker Senior High School a "Place of A Choice". This means that you will have to take pride in your education and begin setting goals that will allow you to obtain your dreams and aspirations. To ensure that you receive the best education possible at Terry Parker, the administrative and instructional staff members have spent all summer constructing plans that will allow you to mature educationally. As we begin the new year, our goal is to establish learning communities, increase rigor, improve work relevance, and build relationships. In order to fulfill these expectations--your attendance, focus, and willingness to learn must be present on a daily basis.

Each of you must bridge the connection between your knowledge and demonstration of your understanding. Our objectives for the 2009-2010 school year will be to successfully use small learning communities to accelerate student achievement. Our efforts will focus on moving from the power of one, to the synergy of many which should allow us to work together to address institutional, student, and curriculum needs.

This school year, I challenge each of you to stand firm and pour your hearts into an institution that was once labeled as the "best school" in Duval County. I encourage you to remain focused and apply yourself to every assignment, assessment, and activity at TPHS. This is the year that the Braves regain the "respect" once held and rekindle the "Parker Pride" that echoed throughout the community. Rest assured that the administrative team, along with your teachers, fully support your work and believe that the 2009-2010 school year is the *year of the Braves!*

I cannot adequately express my enthusiasm as I await your arrival. The administration, instructional staff, main office staff, guidance staff, and custodial staff have been working extremely hard to ensure that your school opening day is flawless and that you have all of the necessities to be successful. I ask each of you to come in fully charged and prepared to assist Terry Parker Senior High School "*Prepare Leaders of Tomorrow for Today*". Enjoy the remainder of your vacation and I'll see you soon. *Go Braves!*

Respectfully,

Addison Davis
Principal

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Terry Parker Sr.
High School's
Vision Statment

***Improving academic
performance and
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