

Dear Hamilton Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. First, please join me in congratulating our 2022 Graduates. I wish them much success in their life after Hamilton. Class of 2022, on behalf of the school community, we are very proud of you!

After what was hopefully a restful and fun summer vacation, the start of the 2022-2023 school year is finally here! I'm thankful for our partnership and seek your continued support in making this school year another amazing experience for us to share. Throughout the year, I will be communicating updates and important information via Talking Points and our school website. Of course, should you have any specific questions, I am happy to help. Therefore, feel free to share, directly with me, any questions, feedback, or information that might help us further support your or your child(ren).

As we embark on a new school year, I am once again seeking a partnership with parents and guardians in helping to ensure that all students reach their maximum potential and discover their personal joy of learning. It is among our top priorities to continue to focus on Social-Emotional-Learning (SEL) for students and staff. A major contributor to SEL awareness and development is to balance patience with urgency. We can achieve this balance by encouraging students to arrive at school each day ready to learn and actively engage in their education by focusing in class, asking thoughtful questions, and completing their assignments. I am also always available to provide direct support and help ensure each student's academic and SEL needs are being met. Our school counselors, school psychologist, and social worker are here to support your student in many areas. Please reach out directly to a support staff member if you would like one of them to connect with your child.

We have much to celebrate here at Hamilton. We have a growing Peers as Leaders program that continues to support students who are transitioning to Hamilton from Grady or

other schools. Furthermore, in addition to a wide range of College and AP courses, we will be offering AP Psychology and an additional AP Computer Science course. Also, our Scientific Research course will continue to be offered to a wide range of students. We are excited about these opportunities for students and encourage students to take advantage of these offerings.

*Below you will find some important updates for the opening of school:*

### **First Day**

We will welcome students back in person on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Student schedules will be mailed by August 31st. They are currently available on the **Parent Portal**. If you cannot find that information, please contact the main office: 914-592-7311. We are always happy to guide you through accessing this information.

### **Supplies**

The supply list is listed under announcements on our school website. It is also included as an attachment with this letter.

### **Athletics**

We are excited about the many offerings we have for our students. We encourage all students to participate in athletics. If you have questions regarding our athletic program, please contact our Athletic Director at [rpollok@eufsd.org](mailto:rpollok@eufsd.org).

### **Technology**

All students will be provided with a district-owned Chromebook during their humanities classes during the first week of school.

### **Daily procedures**

- Students will enter the building, as they did last year, through the side door by the cafeteria.
- I will be outside greeting and guiding students who need additional support as they transition back to school

- Students will transition from class to class throughout the day
- Students will all be provided with a locker
- Hamilton Schedule
  - Warning bell: 7:40 am
  - School Day: 7:45 am - 2:24 pm
  - Early release Monday - **Students will end school at 1:57 pm every Monday**
- We ask our students to be in the cafeteria or in a classroom receiving extra help prior to 7:40 am
- At the end of the school day students have the opportunity to:
  - Be involved in athletics
  - Attend after school support
  - Attend an after school club

As you read through this document and questions arise, please feel free to contact us in the main office of Alexander Hamilton at (914) 592 - 7311, send me a Talking Points message, or email me, Mr. Engelhardt, at [jengelhardt@eufsd.org](mailto:jengelhardt@eufsd.org).

We are here to support you and your child(ren) as we continue to navigate this challenging educational landscape together. Wishing you and your student a successful and joyful school year.

We are Hamilton! Stay Raider Strong!

Sincerely,

*Joseph Engelhardt*

Principal, Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School