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Greetings Twin Valley community,

I am excited to be writing this letter as it represents the start of a new chapter. I hope you and your students are also looking forward to getting back into the swing of school--whether they will be at school in person or learning from home. While many things will be different this school year, the sense of community that we all love is still here. Just like a new chapter in a book, this year will be an opportunity for all of us as a community to write a new story line together: one of perseverance, hope, and support for one another.

Our faculty and staff have been hard at work preparing for our new normal. Classrooms are shiny, clean, and set up for physical distancing thanks to our hard working custodial staff. Our administrative assistants have sorted through hundreds of boxes of school supplies to create individual sets for each student returning to the building. Teachers have spent countless hours over the summer preparing for hybrid teaching and learning. A team of teacher leaders and staff worked to determine the most safe and healthy way to open our buildings, which is outlined in the Family Handbook for the Reopening of Schools (included in this packet).

The team helping prepare for this school year has included our new Assistant Principal, Andrew Oyer. Mr. Oyer comes to us from Florida with several years of experience as a curriculum leader and assistant principal. He has jumped in with both feet and is already at



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home here in the valley; he is looking forward to meeting our students and families in the coming weeks. I have been especially grateful for his support as a member of our administrative team, and for his leadership in the rollout and implementation of VTVLC for our remote learners.

I hope this letter and packet of important information finds you healthy, rested, and ready for new beginnings. As you read through the materials, I want to point out a couple of significant changes. First, school will start at **8:15 a.m.** this year, with doors opening at **7:45 a.m.** - no students should be dropped off prior to that time. The day will still end at 2:36 p.m. Second, all students being driven to school via personal transportation will be dropped off and picked up in the **back** of the building at designated entrances (these details can be found in the family handbook). The exception is for those students being dropped off after 8:15 or picked up prior to 2:36, who should use the main entrance.

Finally, I would like to invite any new students and their parents to take a tour of the school on Thursday, September 3rd. If you are interested in a tour, please call the main office as these visits will be by appointment only, 802-368-2880. We are looking forward to seeing all of students very soon!

With warmth,

Anna Roth, Principal