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Dear Park City Community,

Let's make the school year as productive as possible!

As we begin the 2019-20 school year, it is evident that our classrooms are focused on our learners and learning. From classroom events and school-based activities, the year will be filled with fun and opportunities for our children to grow academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally.

Learner-Centered: In working to achieve our aspirational vision and mission, Park City School District is learner-centered and focused on the whole child—our students are safe, supported, engaged, challenged, and healthy. You will find educators, support personnel, and administrators who are centered on inspiring and supporting each learner. We see evidence of this caring and dedicated adult behavior throughout our schools each day in the lessons that are designed and the experiences that are provided to our students. Our staff care deeply for each of our learners and for the health and well-being of our entire community.

Communications: As we work together in strong partnership as a community, it is important to note that we, as a district, adhere to safety and communication protocols that are well established not only in our area and in Utah but nationally. Our focus throughout an incident is on those within the school, and we must permit proper time for investigation and for learning to continue. While there is great interest in details surrounding any school related incident or matter, the important or key information will be shared with you in a timely and accurate manner. If the matter is linked to student disciplinary incident or active police investigation, we will not disclose details that may alter or interfere with a student's privacy or with the course of the investigation.

Model Calming Behavior: Information will most often be sent via email to parents of students at the school or campus where an incident has occurred to keep you apprised of the situation. Your reaction and /or overreaction to this information definitely impacts your student's perception of an incident. Modeling calm and an open-minded approach to information is a key aspect to a successful year for all -- understanding that we, as schools and as a district, investigate and take every incident or item with the utmost seriousness.

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We encourage you to always check the district's website (pcschools.us) for accurate information about school incidents, as well as our emergency communications protocol.

Master Education Planning: Our work continues this month with a series of small group roundtables Sept. 23-24 throughout our community, culminating with an October 1 community open house at Ecker Hill Middle School. You can find more information on our website (pcschools.us).

Celebrating Our Achievements: Although we have only been in school less than a month, we already have much to celebrate.

- We are proud of our six Park City High seniors who have been selected as National Merit Semifinalists. This is the most semifinalists the school has ever had and we are proud of their incredible academic success.
- We were recently notified that nearly 90% of Treasure Mountain Junior High students who took the Spanish AP exam this last spring passed—that is 10% higher than the state average and 5% higher than the national average.
- Niche.com just ranked Park City School District as the Best District in Utah based on state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and public school district ratings.
- United Way presented our After-School Program with a very generous grant to help us maintain the excellence of this program offered at all four elementary schools and Ecker Hill Middle.
- The Park City Education Foundation's recent Red Apple Gala raised \$470,000, with proceeds used to fuel PCEF's classroom grant program. We appreciate the generosity of so many.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to transform learning for all students in the school district.

Yours for excellence in education,

Jill Gildea, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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