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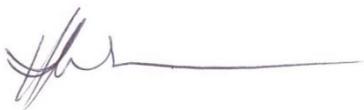
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past several years, the high school has been evaluating the many ways in which parent-teacher communication occurs. As the access to email communications, parent portal and electronic gradebooks have become more widely used; the number of appointments made for parent-teacher conferences at the high school on Parent-Teacher Conference Night has declined significantly.

The High School Building Leadership Team, comprised of parents, students, teachers, and administrators had spent all last year reviewing the data around parent-teacher conference night and has offered a different approach. To that end, the typical parent-teacher conference, 10-minute long appointments in November, will not take place this year. Instead, the high school will be utilizing the time originally allocated to parent-teacher conference night, for a new purpose. Students will have a regularly scheduled full day of instruction on November 15, 2018. As we work to repurpose the time that would have been spent on that evening, we will be developing an evening akin to the "Celebration of Learning" used at the elementary level. This will most likely be a spring event that will involve all teachers and parents will be invited.

Most importantly, I want to reinforce to each parent that routine contact with your children's teachers is vital. As such, communication via email, phone, eSD parent portal, as well as requesting parent meetings through our Guidance Department are practices that will continue to be encouraged and supported. If at any point you need additional information on your child's progress or if you have a concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to that teacher, your counselor or me.

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker

