

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is an honor and privilege to be the new Principal of High Point Regional High School. I am humbled by the responsibility that comes with the job. It has long been my dream and ambition to lead this building. For 27 years, I have faithfully served this district in a number of capacities from first and foremost as a teacher. Throughout my tenure I have also served as an advisor, coach, and committee member. Prior to my appointment as Principal, I served as Science Supervisor for ten years and most recently as Supervisor of Secondary Instruction and Special Projects, a district level administrative position. I have also served the district in many other capacities. Most recently as the facilitator for a school wide initiative called Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. Specifically, I have guided the staff in how to increase rigor and relevance in individual subjects and improve overall relationships. All of these leadership roles have enabled me to establish and maintain good relationships with the staff, students, parents, and community.

My goals are simple:

1. To make High Point a top performing school in the state by raising the bar on expectations for students and staff;
2. To increase communication with all the stakeholders;
3. To have High Point be a great place to come to school.

Leadership is about character. If I do not have good character, I will not be an effective leader. I operate on the simple premise of treating people with the respect and dignity that they deserve. I am honest, hard working, and approachable. I want to be visible in the school and at extra-curricular events. I want you to be able to come and talk to me when you see me. I want to establish a good working relationship with you so that we can improve our performance on all levels. To that end, I am having our next Principal's Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm in the High Point Media Center. Come on out, I would love to see you. I want to establish a good working relationship with the students too, because they are a valuable and critical voice in their own education.

I am very excited and am looking forward to working as your Principal. The success of school leadership depends on trust. It is with great honor that I will build this trust with the staff, students, parents, and community in order to continue to make High Point a great educational institution.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Costello
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