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Dear Parents and Community Members,

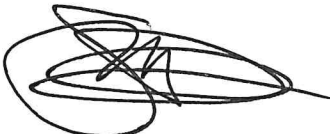
We are excited to welcome back our students and our educators for the 59th opening day of the High Point Regional High School District. Our commitment to our students and this community is an abiding passion that has long-endured and continues today. As stewards of the legacy and success of this institution, we believe that a vibrant and inviting high school strengthens the townships of this community. We look forward to another year of pursuing world class excellence for each student and each family.

Our resolute vision for excellence on every level demands we prioritize the educational and workplace environment. Such a priority requires us to assertively address anything that threatens the health and wellbeing of our students. As I have stated in my previous two letters: **we will enforce N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq., known as the *New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act*. High Point will file a complaint for each instance of vaping on our campus where persons found to be in violation of the Act are subject to fines and penalties established by the Act of \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.**

As educators, we are tasked with the great responsibility of caring for other people's children *in loco parentis*, which is a Latin term that means "in the place of a parent." We will not fail our parents who entrust us with their most important responsibility and their most precious gift.

Please know that these letters have been written and presented in earnest and that they should not be perceived as a threat, but rather, a resolute determination – we shall proceed as I have so presented in each of the three summer letters. The High Point Board of Education, Administration, and Educators, appreciate the shared commitment of our parents in ensuring that we eradicate vaping from our buildings and grounds.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Ripley Ed.D.
Superintendent