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Dear SHS Families and Community Members:

As the newly appointed Principal, it is an absolute honor and privilege to write to introduce myself and share my vision for our school.

First, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the warm welcome from the community, school board, faculty, staff, and students. Your support and enthusiasm have made my transition into this role a delightful experience.

Having been an educator for over 25 years and served in various leadership positions, I am profoundly committed to fostering a positive learning environment that nurtures our students' academic, social, and emotional growth. My aim is to uphold the school's longstanding tradition of excellence while also embracing innovative practices to ensure our students are well-equipped for the challenges of the 21st century.

A strong partnership between the school, parents, and the wider community is essential to the success of our students. Open communication and collaboration are key elements in this endeavor, and I encourage all parents and community members to actively participate in their child's education and the school's activities.

Throughout the academic year, we will work together to create a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment that celebrates diversity and promotes a sense of belonging for all. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff will be committed to providing a well-rounded education that encourages critical thinking, creativity, and a love for learning.

To foster a sense of community and ensure transparency, I plan to organize regular meetings and events where parents, teachers, and students can come together to share their ideas, concerns, and successes. Through open dialogue and constructive feedback, we can continually improve our school and create an environment that truly meets the needs of our students.

Additionally, I am keen on leveraging technology and modern teaching methodologies to enhance the learning experience for our students. As we move forward, we will explore opportunities to incorporate digital tools and resources into the curriculum, keeping in mind the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between screen time and traditional learning methods.

I am committed to providing our teachers and staff a nurturing and supportive environment. By fostering their professional growth and recognizing their dedication, we can ensure that they have the resources and motivation to excel in their roles and positively impact the lives of our students.

I understand that change can be exciting and challenging, but I firmly believe that working together we can achieve great things for our school and, most importantly, our students. I welcome your feedback, suggestions, and ideas as we embark on this journey together.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as the Principal of Salem High School. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and working hand-in-hand to make Salem High School an even more exceptional place for learning and growth.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

With warm regards,

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