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This time of year, administrators begin looking toward the next school year. We take student requests for classes and begin trying to build teacher schedules for classes they might teach. We work to determine how many teaching positions we have available and try to hire to fill those positions. We struggle with prioritizing how we allocation teaching contracts to ensure we meet the many demands put on a comprehensive high school to ensure we provide for all that entails for students. It is an exciting time to begin planning and preparing. It is also stressful to consider the complexity of the puzzle that needs to come together to provide an experience that adequately meets the needs and demands of 2150 students.

We are so lucky at Skyline to have a populace that has set expectations high and understands what it takes to reach those lofty aspirations. Our number one concern is to support all of you in the work to help students reach beyond their expectations and to continue to accomplish such great things. Skyline continues to excel academically, in the arts and on the fields of competition. This high level of achievement happens because of early planning and preparation on our part and on the part of all of you.

Also, at this time of year, we are beginning to anticipate academic testing that will showcase all the hard work put in by students and teachers. Whether it be IB, AP or the ASPIRE+, these tests are a big deal, and we treat them as such. Our hope is that students will do their best as we have done much to help prepare them for these exams. Students know if they have signed up for their exams in AP? IB. It takes a ton of coordination for these tests, and they require all our work and much help from volunteers to proctor so many assessments. All ninth and tenth grade students will be expected to take the ASPIRE+. As I have mentioned, these tests are vital and informing us of our successes and areas of potential growth. I am hopeful we will have the vast majority of eligible students take the exams so we can get an accurate measure of the effectiveness of our work.

Together, we will accomplish our high goals and make extensive plans for our next school year. Thank you for being part of the amazing team at Skyline High School, Eagles RISE.

We want to hear from you about the teachers at Skyline who are working so hard to prepare your students. Please, take a moment and tell us about the great things happening from your perspective in the classrooms of Skyline High School. This is the link for this: <https://forms.gle/ucQADTDhwRXkFvD2A>

This week the Skyline community honors. Michelle Pickett, I can't understate the impact Ms. Pickett has had on my student. She makes learning World History fun and she conveys true care for her students.

Thanks Ms. Pickett, for all you do to help Skyline Eagles RISE.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mitch Nerdin, Principal

Skyline High School