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Dear Staff, Parents, and Community Members:

As we draw to the end of another school year and prepare to send 319 fine young men and women into the next chapter of their lives after graduation, I wanted to write to you about an exciting change for our school district and community.

When we return from summer, each of our elementary schools will share the same mascot: The Marple Newtown Tiger. Our middle and high schools have for years been Tigers, and last year our administrative team met to discuss the need to unify all of our students behind one common mascot, logo, motto, and color scheme.

This is an exciting change! With our entire district wearing the same white, orange and black, with the same for Marple Newtown, the same motto (START STRONG, STAY STRONG, FINISH STRONG), and the noble tiger, we are united, aligned, and stronger.

Our school system strives to offer state of the art educational opportunities for all students in a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment that prizes collaboration. That’s a vision that we can all unite behind. That’s a vision that speaks to the kind of education that I hope every student will receive. That’s a vision that describes ... Tiger Country!

Like any change, I understand there will be a period of adjustment for some of our youngest students (and even parents and staff) who own spirit wear with other mascots, colors, etc. and who are used to their current mascots. We hope they will embrace this change, and will have fun with the Tiger transition. Each elementary student will receive a striped wrist band at the beginning of the school year to help ease that change.

Starting in September, our new spirit wear (t-shirts, jackets, etc.) will all be available online and the website for ordering will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available. I hope you’ll take a look and consider ordering as you are doing back to school shopping.

Details about our school district’s vision are attached to this letter, along with some Frequently Asked Questions about this change. I hope you will take a minute to read these. Our vision details our goals for our students, and you’ll be hearing me talk more about our shared vision next school year.

Have a wonderful, rejuvenating, and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you back in Tiger Country in a few short months!

Sincerely,

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