



## **"Excellence is Our Expectation"**

August 1, 2022

Dear Senator Families:

I am so very excited to begin my third year as Principal of Robinson High School. Last year, even with all of the hardships, was an outstanding year. Our expectations of excellence this year are very high. Nothing will be greater for me personally than to work for your child during their high school career at Robinson High School.

This year, our motto and focus will be Excellence is our Expectation. Faculty, staff, and students will work every day to become the very best that we can be. Through our work in professional learning communities, our staff will educate every student who walks through our doors to enable each to meet their full potential.

For safety and security reasons, we will be even more visible than usual. This is to be proactive to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Every student must wear their district ID badge while at school. We will also have security monitoring the parking lot before school, during lunch, and after school. Students are not to leave campus without checking out. This means that students are not allowed to go to their cars at lunch without permission during the school day. I have attached a copy of the school dress code. Please speak with your student about proper attire. Hats and hoodies are not to be worn in the building.

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to listen to Mr. Todd Whittaker speak about what great educators do differently. He said, "It is the people, not the program." Although our students and staff will be walking into wonderful facilities this school year, it is not the brick and mortar that will make us so special and different from others, but the human capital that makes us the best. Please know that I take the well-being of our students very seriously. When they are on campus, I believe each and every student is my own.

The expectation is that every staff person will come to work every day with the focus of making a difference in the lives of children!



Additionally, over the past month, I have examined the data from previous academic school years. The data indicates academic excellence in some areas and needed growth in other areas. Hard work will be completed by the faculty, staff, students, and parents. We will celebrate our accomplishments but also understand that much work is still needed to reach the goals for which we strive. The professional learning community process will be our primary focus in ensuring that the curriculum is being mastered by all students.

As we move closer to the beginning of the new school year, there are some important events I would like to share with you:

<b>August 18</b>	<b>New Student Orientation</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>New Student Chromebook Pick Up</b>	<b>3:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Library Learning Center</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Chromebook Pick Up</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Library Learning Center</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	

It is my hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to the beginning of a great school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me via email at [jpickering9232@pcssd.org](mailto:jpickering9232@pcssd.org) or 501-234-1234..

Sincerely,

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**GO Senators!**