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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. This year promises to be an exciting one as we continue our partnership emphasizing a commitment to excellence in academics, the arts, athletics and community service. As always, we promise to offer your child the best educational opportunities on Long Island, with administrators, teachers and staff eager to help every student achieve success.

The 2011-2012 school year promises a continuation of soaring student achievement and prudent fiscal management. Another budget victory was excellent news and student and staff morale remains high. Following our wonderful school district rankings in The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, the Class of 2011 college acceptances appear to be the best in the storied history of Schreiber. Our graduation and college attendance rates continue to be excellent, and in the past several years, as mentioned, our schools continue to receive comprehensive nationwide recognition for student achievement. Specifically, just two years ago, Port schools were featured as a lead school in the country per The New York Times headline, "Powerhouse School District Reaches Beyond the Elite."

It is a wonderful time here in Port Washington schools, and we are glad that you are part of it. During the year ahead, we look forward to working with you at the PTA, HSA and Board of Education meetings, guidance workshops and at all of the activities offered to you. Please remember that the stronger the relationship among students, staff, parents and community, the greater our chances of achieving the district's educational goal of excellence for every student. Considering our top rankings and all of the other soaring student achievements, even in these difficult times, I have never been more optimistic!



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