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Dear 7th Grade Scholar:

Do you know why this year is very important for you? It's because the grades, PSSA scores, and behavior and attendance marks that you earn this year will play a critical role in where you can go to high school next year. We know you want to do well, and if you earn all A's and B's, have less than five (5) unexcused absences, maintain excellent behavior, and earn good test scores—you will have your choice of over 100 high school options when you go through the School Selection Process.

We cannot stress enough: this is the year to shine as a student. Work hard, listen in class, do your homework and turn it in on time, come to school on time, and use mature ways of resolving conflicts with your peers. This is how you will succeed this year and in the future.

The School District has a lot of interesting choices for high school. Now is the perfect time for you to begin researching your options, and thinking about your future goals. You can apply to as many as five (5) District high schools next year, so talk to your counselor, parents, or a caring adult in your life about the type of high schools you would like to attend. The School District's High School Directory will help you learn about your high school options. You can find the Directory by going to schoolselect.philasd.org and clicking on the High School Directory link.

I want you to do your best this year and make good choices that will help you rise to the next level. Your principal, counselor, teachers, parents or guardians are there to help you.

I wish you continued success!

Sincerely,

William R. Hite Jr., Ed.D.

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