

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are enjoying the last few days of what has been a terrific weather summer. Here at Central Office and in all of the schools, we are finalizing a lot of last minute details; but we are excited, energized and ready to go. Next Tuesday, when the last bus has arrived safely back to the depot, I will share the highlights of what we know will be a wonderful first day.

Each August, I send a letter to our staff; the message summarizes what has occurred over the summer, including information about hiring and staffing changes and completion of special projects. As well, it includes a preview of new initiatives and other changes that staff and students will experience. Later today I will post that message on my page at [hinghamschools.com](http://hinghamschools.com) for any who may be interested.

Yesterday was our annual start-of-school staff convocation. Typically, the convocation event includes welcome back messages and some words that we hope will inspire and excite everyone about the upcoming year. This year, we included a special treat. Thanks to the efforts of HMS AP David Riordan, the elementary and middle school APs, and our choral teachers (and with the support of HCAM and the Hingham Education Foundation), we involved HPS students. What a positive event for all involved! Whether your child participated or not, I think all of you would enjoy sharing in the wonder of the morning. The HCAM link is [hinghammedia.org](http://hinghammedia.org). Do watch until the end; the previously taped portion was wonderful, but the live performance segment truly stole the show as you will see by the reception of the teachers. Not a lot of dry eyes in that house!!

Until next week,

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