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Dear POB School Community,

As the 2022-23 school year comes to an end, I want to take a moment to share some incredible accomplishments and milestones we have achieved together. *The Year in Review* and *Scholarship Reports* to the Board of Education next fall will illustrate the many achievements of our students and staff, but a few achievements are just too good to not share now. First, the POBJFKHS Class of 2023 has achieved a 100% graduation rate. This is only the second time this has been achieved, and how fitting as we say goodbye to Principal Murray. The Class of 2023 has received a record number of scholarships, totaling an astounding \$11 million in addition to over \$90,000 in community scholarships, demonstrating the strong support and recognition from our community. On the other end of our K-12 spectrum, 93% of our youngest students will leave kindergarten reading on benchmark, showcasing significant growth since the beginning of the school year.

The performing arts continued to flourish this year. Both of our middle schools have witnessed a record number of students in band and orchestra, showcasing their talent and passion for music. These students have spent countless hours creating, practicing and perfecting their skills, resulting in outstanding performances and art that have enriched our school community. Our students also excelled outside the classroom on fields, in competitions, and in their innumerable hours of community service. We are so proud of their additional contributions to the school and the POB Community.

These achievements are the result of the collective efforts of our teachers and administrators who are supported by an active Board of Education. I encourage you to reach out to the teachers who have had a positive impact on your child this year. Let them know how your child benefitted from their time with them. Hearing from families helps to create stronger bonds between home and school, an influential factor in student achievement.

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member of our school community for their unwavering support and commitment. Together, we have achieved extraordinary accomplishments.

Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable, and rejuvenating summer. Albert Einstein assured that, "Creativity is the residue of time wasted." Taking time for yourselves may give rise to new inspirations. We will do the same before resuming the planning and preparing for our students' return in September.

Sincerely,

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