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Hello Tempe High Buffalo families,

It is November already, and we are almost a third of the way through the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a terrific year so far, with great accomplishments by our amazing students in athletics, activities and in the classroom, and dedicated work by our teachers and staff to make sure every student is learning and involved as fully as possible in school. In this way, we are focused on fulfilling our mission of Excellence in Teaching and Learning, with a vision of All Students Graduating With the Skills Necessary for Success in College, Career and Life. There are so many good things happening at Tempe High every day, and we want to share a few of them with you, as well as some other important information.

State Issued Letter Grades Are Out and Tempe High Earned a B, Highly Performing, For The Second Year in a Row!

School letter grades are issued yearly by the Arizona Department of Education and are based on three categories; academic achievement and growth in English, math and science as measured by AzMerit scores, college and career readiness, and graduation rates. Special recognition goes out to our English, math, and science teachers and students for their work in those classes, but we want to honor all of our teachers for their role in our students' achievement in all three areas. Our teachers at Tempe High work diligently every day helping our students become better readers and writers. They work every day helping our students be better thinkers and analyzers. And, everyone who is part of our Buffalo Nation, including you, our families, have a hand in preparing students for success in college and their potential careers. This is a holistic process, but is largely measured by enrollment and success in courses such as Career and Technical Education (CTE), dual enrollment with community college and our International Baccalaureate honors program, as well as college readiness activities including completing FAFSA, college applications and college acceptance. A big shout out goes to our counseling department and everyone who helps in this area. And, of course, everyone on staff and at home helps students stay in school, complete their courses successfully and graduate on time. As families, the more you can do to encourage your child to be at school every day, on time, with their work completed will go a long way towards helping in this important area.

Each one of you; our teachers, our staff, our parents and our families, helps our students succeed every day. Everything you do plays a huge part in our students' success. Every day. Thank you! While our letter grade reflects the caring and committed work happening at

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Tempe High, and the guidance and support you give your children at home, it is just one measure of the value of what our staff and our students do every day, and the abilities and successes and achievements and potential of our incredible students. We have programs and plans in place to make even greater gains in our students' achievement. We have programs and plans in place to improve our students' college and career readiness. And, we have programs and plans in place to improve our graduation rates. We will continue the work we are and have been doing. We will continue to make a difference and work hard and provide meaning for your children every day. And we do this not just because we received a B grade, which means we are Highly Performing, and an A is in sight, but because the work we do everyday matters to us, your students, and you.

Principal Selection Process to Begin Soon

We both consider it an honor to serve as co-principals at Tempe High School. We will be serving through the end of this school year, and can both say with complete candor that working at Tempe High is among the absolute highlights of our careers, and would be the highlight of any educator's work. Because we are so committed, along with everyone at the Tempe Union District office, to find the right and best person to lead Tempe High in 2020 and beyond, we are starting early in seeking input from our students, families and staff in what to look for in selecting the next Tempe High principal. We hope to have the new principal selected by February, 2020, and ready to start work on July 1, 2020. We value your input into this process. We will be hosting a session with parents and family members to gather information about what to look for in our principal. The session will take place on Tuesday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Tempe High. You are all invited to attend. If you cannot attend and would like to give input into the selection, please [click here](#) for a survey. We value your input and would love to hear from you, either in person on Tuesday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m. or through the survey.

Honors and Successes

Congratulations to all our fall sports for outstanding seasons. Badminton and Volleyball were competitive all fall. Congratulations to all those on the teams who competed and represented the Buffaloes so well with outstanding play and sportsmanship. Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country have qualified for State. They will represent us well, and continue the prideful tradition that is Tempe High athletics. Our Freshmen Football team had a strong season, finishing 5-3 and getting a good young group ready for varsity next year. As for our

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outstanding Varsity Football team, we are currently 6-3 and will know by tomorrow, Saturday, if our Buffaloes will be playing in the state tournament. We are home tonight against Shadow Mountain in an important game that will help determine State qualification. Tonight is Senior Night so we hope everyone can attend. Good luck and congratulations to our Tempe High Marching Band, who will be competing tomorrow, Saturday, November 2nd in the state semi-finals band competition in 4A. Our Tempe High Marching Band currently sits in FIRST PLACE going into the semifinals, and they sound amazing and perform incredibly well. They will be competing at Hamilton High School this Saturday, November 2nd at approximately 2 p.m. Go Buffalo Band!

Thank you for continuing to support Tempe High School, your home of the Buffaloes.