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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Cranston High School West. WEST is celebrating over 55 years of Educational Excellence in the Cranston community. At WEST, a dedicated faculty and staff of approximately 150 adults serve a diverse population of approximately fourteen hundred students in grades nine to twelve. We are fortunate that one of our buildings on the five building “college like” school campus contains the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center offering a variety of programs and opportunities for students. We also have a wide variety of school activities, sports and academic programs to meet the needs of our student population. In turn, it is one of my personal goals to continue to prove that Cranston High School WEST is a model high school for the State of Rhode Island.

WEST is a unique community school where tradition is valued and celebrated. Many of our students have parents who attended WEST. Many of our faculty members and staff are also former students of WEST who have come back to serve their community. We have a dedicated School Leadership Council (Students, Parents and Teachers of WEST) that organizes and runs many important events in our school. We would like to continue to capture the devotion and loyalty to our school through our Alumni Association. Many alumni continue to live and work here in Cranston and we would like to bring back the nostalgia of WEST Pride and Respect.

The WEST School Leadership Council will continue to evolve into a highly functioning organization that will include teachers, parents, alumni and students. We welcome you to participate. Each year, the School Leadership Team has set its goals based on data analysis, self-study, and personal and public accountability. This year the School Improvement Team will be concentrating on our NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation visit which will take place October 22-25, 2018. The focus of the visit centers on high school teaching and learning standards and school resources for learning. We are committed to a long-term continuous improvement model that will incorporate reform strategies that are proven to be effective.

Sometime before the last week in August, you will be receiving information about important school dates and events, student schedules and where your child is to report on the first day of school. Just some quick reminders: The first day of school is September 5th for all students, the “New Student Welcome to WEST Hot Dog Roast” will be August 30th from 5-7pm and our Open House will be September 6th at 6pm in the auditorium.

It is our hope that you will share our vision and join our mission for WEST. We welcome any help. Please feel free to call, come in, and participate. You may visit our web page at www.cpsed.net/CHSW and/or follow us on twitter @CHSWPrincipal for current WEST updates and information. Our combined commitment will ensure that all WEST students are reaching their educational goals.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Barbieri, Principal