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Dear Ninth Grader:

You are at an amazing place in your life! You have a few more years of high school in front of you and then college awaits. Continuing your education is important because it gives you knowledge and skills to make a difference in the future. That difference will impact you, your friends and your family.

Every year in high school you need to **WORK HARD**. That means studying, reading, focusing, learning and asking questions. Working hard in high school will open doors for you to enter college, where you will continue your education.

We are counting on your education to provide a strong foundation for your role as a future leader in our society.

Regardless of any challenges or difficulties life presents you, you **CAN** overcome them for the benefit of academic success.

The choices you make today will influence tomorrow. And the people you meet create your future. Be sure to rely on your teachers, counselors and mentors to help guide you. And if they are unable to provide that guidance, then guide yourself.

Best wishes as you continue in your educational journey! I look forward to celebrating your successes with you.

Sincerely,



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