

Dear RCHS Community Members,

As this school year comes to a close, we thank you for the many hours you've given in support of our students, classes and programs. You've donated time, talent, food, supplies, and even your cars. Our programs are possible *because of you*, our volunteers.

Your generous financial support of our school allowed us, once again, to meet our Phoenix Fund goal. With this accomplishment our Board and administration have been given the confidence to hire teachers, re-supply classrooms and labs, update textbooks, and keep our school and class sizes small. We know that meeting our \$325,000 Phoenix Fund goal is asking a lot of our community. We set our goal high so we can continue to offer the educational experience that has benefited over 1,900 graduates since RCHS opened in 1999. *Because of you*, we have financial stability despite swings in annual funding.

We also have the honor of sharing good news about our new fundraising initiative, the Foundation Fund. Teachers are the foundation of our focus on learning and growing together. Donations to the Foundation Fund make it possible for us to improve the compensation and benefits we offer our dedicated teachers. Contributions will allow us to attract and retain faculty members as local, regional, and national competition for teachers increases daily. This year Foundation Fund donations provided our non-AP teachers a bonus roughly equivalent to the state-provided bonus for AP teachers. We believe all teachers contribute to student learning. *Because of you*, the school board was able to recognize the work of the entire faculty and staff.

We are preparing to celebrate our 20th anniversary. We look forward to the 2018-2019 school year being a year-long celebration of *Twenty Years Together*. These words remind us all that we open our doors to a new group of ninth graders every year *because of you*...our supportive families.

On behalf of our Board, administration, our teachers and staff, thank you so very much for continuing to make RCHS possible with your passionate support of our work.

With great appreciation,



Sharon McConnell
RCHS Board Chair



Jeff Simone
RCHS Foundation Board Chair



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Principal

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