

Dear Parents, Students and Families,

Welcome new and returning Hmong College Prep Academy students to the 2021-2022 school year!

2020-2021 was another great year at HCPA!

- **Financial Aid:** The class of 2021 was awarded **over \$2.1 million dollars** in scholarship and grants, over four years, from the schools to which they were accepted.
- **Graduation rate:** 93% of the class of 2021 earned their diploma. Our graduates will be attending a number of highly respected institutions including Tufts University in Massachusetts, Stanford University, Augsburg University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis College of Art and Design and Macalester College.
- **Being an HCPA student for four years:** There is no doubt about it...the longer a student is at HCPA, the higher chance to graduate on time. The class of 2021 grad rate for students who had been with us since ninth grade was 92.5%.
- **Top 10 Students:** 100% of top 10 students had been at HCPA since 9th grade and 50% had been in the district since elementary school.

COVID 19: Ensuring a Safe and Sanitized Campus Environment

- 53 air particulate detectors (APD) were installed to each rooftop thermal unit to ensure indoor air quality.
- Each evening, high traffic areas will be deeply cleaned and sanitized.
- All classrooms will feature regularly stocked sanitizer kits.
- Main offices and high traffic rooms will be mechanically sanitized.
- Masks will be readily available for those who request one.

Exciting News - Phase V Expansion Updates

- As many of you know, we began a major campus expansion project last fall.
 - The \$25 million project features a 72,000 plus square-foot middle school addition with 48 new classrooms, gymnasium as well as a state-of-the-art robotics lab. A skyway will also be constructed connecting the new school to the main campus.
 - New middle school construction is scheduled to be completed in December; however, we'll begin moving furniture in the new building in November.
- Exciting renovations to our current building, including a student common area, updated office space and an expanded lunchroom, are scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

Important initiatives for the 2020-2021 school year include:

- 100% in-person learning! It is time to get back in the classroom! Please be assured that our student safety plan will ensure a clean, sanitized and secure learning environment.
- Continuing to provide our students with state-of-the-art technology including iPad access for all K-2 students and Google Chromebook access for all 3-12 grade students.
- Faculty development opportunities including participating in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Professional Development Program which focuses on the science of reading.
- Continuing our research-based literacy practices that will get our K-2 students reading at grade level by third grade. We will also be offering a similar program to grades 3-5 this year.
- Providing a mentorship program for new staff through implementing Minnesota's new science standards

In closing, please know I am honored, humbled and excited to serve as the Superintendent of Hmong College Prep Academy. I look forward to meeting and working with all students and parents to fulfill the promise and potential of our school district.

Sincerely,



Superintendent