

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome new and returning Hmong College Prep Academy students to the 2019-2020 school year!

2018-2019 was another great year at HCPA!

- **Financial Aid:** The class of 2018 was awarded **over \$5.8 million dollars** in scholarship and grants, over four years, from the schools to which they were accepted.
- **Graduation rate:** 96% of the class of 2018 earned their diploma (our highest rate of all time!) and 80% confirmed their enrollment by making a deposit and/or registering for classes.
- **Being an HCPA student for four years:** There is no doubt about it...the longer a student is at HCPA, the higher chance they to graduate on time. In 2018-19, the graduation rate for students who had been with us since ninth grade was 99%.

New initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year include:

- Continuing to live our goal to provide our students with state-of-the-art technology, 1,200 new Google Chromebooks will be put into service
- Implementing research-based literacy practices that will get our students reading at grade level by third grade
- Expanding parent opportunities to be involved in their child's education
- Implementing the new Minnesota science standards
- Providing a mentorship program for new staff
- Building a strong multi-tiered system of support that ensures all HCPA students' needs are met

We are also starting a number of important future (2020 and beyond) initiatives including:

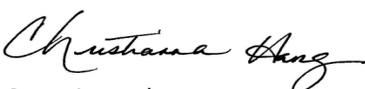
- Using ACT Aspire tests in grades 3-9 to ensure all our students are college and career ready
- Continuing to expand our course offerings in high school for college and career pathways

With these changes and enhancements, our aspiration for HCPA remains the same—to become a “world class school” that encompasses academic excellence and is recognized as an innovative academic institution. To achieve this goal, we will continue to:

- Set high learning expectations for all students to succeed—**no excuses**
- Raise the achievement of all students with personalized and engaging instruction across all content areas utilizing our College Prep program
- Emphasize innovative learning strategies that integrate the use of supportive technologies, inquiry, and higher order thinking skills
- Offer our students challenging college preparatory, honor and Advanced Placement courses
- Ensure all students graduate on time to pursue higher education and career opportunities
- Infuse Hmong and world cultures into the daily curriculum
- Ensure all students continue to be culturally and educationally proficient in relationships with students and families of varied backgrounds

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