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July 1, 2019

Dear Scholars, Parents, and Guardians of Todd Beamer High School,

**Summer holds so much potential:** reconnecting with friends, family, and self; perhaps more reflecting and learning---I hope you take full advantage of this short period of time before the 2019-2020 school year rolls itself out like fireworks in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

As I reflect on this last school year, I know our teachers and staff have done their best to provide **an environment of rigorous learning and relationship-building**, the kind that goes hand-in-hand with supportive structures that allow for personal and professional growth. Next year, we plan to do more by offering a character education program during Advisory called *Character Strong*. Several teachers will be attending training in August in Tacoma, and they in turn will train Advisory teachers and staff.

**We had yet another record number of students** walk across the stage and graduate last June. Each in his, her, or their own way encapsulating four years of what it means to accomplish a set of meaningful goals. **76% of our graduates are moving on to a 4-or-2 year college.** 10% are heading on to technical school, while another 10% are entering the workforce or will be enrolling in apprenticeship programs. Additionally, 4% of our seniors will be joining the military. As a collective, our students secured 1.6million dollars in scholarship money, including 13 of whom received the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship in the amount of \$22,500 each for a total of \$360,000. **Wow.** Just wow.

Class of 2019: we are all so proud of you! And that's the work. Our teachers, counselors, office staff, and every single adult in this building are working with our students and their families to help **make big dreams possible.**

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3. In the meantime, please continue to check our website for Schedule Pick-up Day, New Student Orientation, and our Welcome Back BBQ in late August! Until then...**happy summer and sunshine to all of you!**

Sincerely,

Anali Torrado Weatherhead