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Dear BHMS Families:

As the 2016-17 inaugural year comes to a close, we have much to celebrate as a BHMS family. We are very proud of our students, as they met challenges and showed successful growth. Students embraced a new building with new systems, new staff and celebrated each other through Crew. We learned, grew and thrived as a family through tournaments, celebrations of learning and our HipHopera. As Propel continues to refine and expand the middle school model, we will be making a minor change to meet the specific needs of our students and families:

- ❖ Beginning in August, BHMS will transition to a new start time, to align with BHHS. BHMS doors will open at 7:25 a.m. and breakfast will be served from 7:25-7:45 a.m. **Classes will begin at 7:45 a.m. Our school day will end at 2:45 p.m.** to also align with the high school schedule. The time changes will allow for:
  - More diverse academic and elective selections (such as Spanish I, Algebra I and other possible elective choices) that will be available to BHMS students.
  - Students to be better prepared for the rigors of the high school schedule. The Propel Middle School model was created to smooth the transition to high school. This scheduling change will allow our students to establish a routine that will take them from middle school to their senior year.

We do realize that this may present unique challenges to some of our families. We will be in close communication with the school district transportation departments to ensure that your child continues to receive safe, timely and convenient transportation. Please remember that Propel Schools do not have control over bus scheduling including bus routes and designated bus stops. Your home district's transportation department will be able to assist with questions regarding these matters.

Once again, thank you for your support and encouragement as we moved through our very first year together. We hope that you have a peaceful and productive summer and we look forward to an exciting 2017/18 academic year! As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 412-376-5590.

Sincerely,

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Principal

Propel Braddock Hills Middle School