



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear AHS Students and Families:

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2019-2020 school year! Summer has come and gone and we must now move forward with many exciting changes. We have been very busy throughout this summer preparing for the arrival of our students. Everything is progressing smoothly towards a great opening of school on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019**.

I am privileged to have the opportunity this school year to be your Principal, and I feel honored to work with our dedicated staff, our aspiring students, and all of the supportive parents. The high school years are critical times for students and families, as we prepare our students for life beyond secondary education. I look forward to working with all of you to help our students achieve their goals and work toward becoming tomorrow's leaders.

As a lifelong educator and resident of Athol, I stand committed to our students and families. I was recently asked the question, "What do I want for students?" My response was quick and with little thought: "I want them to want to come to school at Athol High School." This phrase will serve as my foundation for the work we will be doing throughout the school year. Our district has a strong, well developed strategic plan, that provides clear action steps focused on improved student outcomes for the whole student. As we continue to work toward accomplishing the goals in our plan, I am confident that the results will include a school that students want to run to.

There have been many changes that have occurred over the summer months; these include building upgrades, additional administrative changes, school/guidance counselor, and staff changes. All will be highlighted in our August newsletter, which will be released by the end of this week. The newsletter will be emailed to all students and families, and posted on our school's website and Facebook page. I'd like to invite you to visit and utilize both of these options early and often. These will serve as communication resources for all upcoming events, the student handbook, important reminders as well as a photo gallery of some of the daily happenings here at Athol High.

This school year we will continue to encourage our students to do things the **Raider Pride Way!** This is a set of clear expectations that will serve as an outline for success. We will incorporate this motto in many of our school events; it will be posted in each classroom and will be the focus for each teacher as they create and maintain a learning environment conducive to student success.

In closing, please enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces on our first day of school. ***The best school year yet begins August 28, 2019.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. King".

David P. King
Interim Principal