



# FOREST HEIGHTS ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

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## Principal's Message

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Greetings FHAE Family!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the 2020-2021 academic year. Very few things will be the same as it was when we left in March. The teaching and learning process will be drastically different. More remote or virtual instruction is eminent. More self-paced and independent tasks are certain.

Unconventional learning schedules are likely, as families work to figure out how best to make this work. Student interactions and opportunities for socialization will be impacted, forcing us to embrace ways to digitally connect. All these things will make learning in this "new normal" interesting to say the least.

But there are certain things that we can't afford to let change; except only to improve. Our relationships have to be as solid as they've been in the past, if not stronger. This includes relationships between teachers and their students; schools and our families. We can't lose trust in one another. Parents have to trust us to continue to provide quality, educational opportunities. We have to continue to trust our families to get our learners prepared to learn. Communication has to be better. And it will! It is imperative that families not only know what to expect in the midst of so much uncertainty but are made aware of their learner's academic progression every step of the way.

While there is still so much to uncover in our new reality, certain things have to remain fundamental. Chief among them is the commitment and dedication of the FHAE faculty and staff. Our love and compassion for our learners is unwavering. Safety and security are our highest priority. It is something that I have always taken seriously. However, in the Covid-19 era, student and staff safety has become the greatest focus, though not our singular focus. Student success remains at the forefront of our thoughts and preparation; and together, our students will continue to achieve, and our school will continue to prosper. As principal, I stand ready to assist in whatever way possible. We are family and family should always be there for one another.

Best regards,

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