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Dear Summit Academy Families,

On behalf of the incredible faculty and staff at each of our four schools, I would like to welcome our families back to school for what we anticipate to be an amazing 2018-19 school year. This year we have so much in store and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for each of our nearly 3000 students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Summit Academy's mission is *to provide a rigorous education based on the principles of high academic achievement and specialized instruction for the benefit of all students*. We are committed to that mission and to best outcomes for students. As a school of choice, I want to thank you for choosing Summit Academy Schools. I recognize the many sacrifices that each of our families make to be apart of our mission and vision.

As I enter my sixth year with Summit Academy Schools as an administrator, it is my privilege to begin working with Summit Academy High School. I look forward to working with Ms. Natalie Call and her team to build a world class, traditional high school experience built on original Summit Academy values. We truly do believe that we are unique in this endeavor.

Also new this year is Mrs. Diana Brantley, principal of Summit Academy-Bluffdale. Mrs. Brantley served as assistant principal for the last four years at our Independence campus. New to that campus as assistant principal, we welcome Mr. Dustin Evenson. At our Draper campus as principal, we welcome Mr. Gary Tucker, former assistant principal. By his side, he is joined by Mr. Paul Lundberg, assistant principal.

Lastly, we have added a new position of support for all of our schools to meet the needs of our administrators, faculty, staff, and most importantly, our students. Mrs. Karen Johnson, former Draper administrator has begun a new role as Director of Student Achievement. I am thrilled about this new position. It will be her primary responsibility to carry forward our newly developed Summit Academy Improvement Plan (SAIP). This plan is truly designed to enhance the way we teach and the way students learn.

As a part of that plan, you may have noticed some changes in our schedules. Grades 7-12 will now release early for added collaboration time for staff. Through increased collaboration comes enhanced teaching and learning strategies for your students.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year and thank you once again for choosing Summit Academy Schools. Go Falcons, Bears, Cubs, and Bison!

Mr. Tyler Whittle, Executive Director