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Dear Sussman Middle School Parents, Students, and Families:

My name is Robert Jagielski and I am proud to serve as principal of Sussman Middle School. On behalf of our entire staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year!

Our staff clearly understands that middle school students are unique. Middle school is a critical time when young people begin forming the attitudes, thought patterns, and work habits that they will carry through the rest of their lives.

As our students are experiencing significant changes in their intellectual, physical, psychological, social, moral and ethical development, we are committed to working hard to help each student reach their maximum potential.

We believe it is extremely important that students are connected to their school community. Sussman Middle School offers numerous possibilities for students to explore their interests and develop their strengths through our remarkable academic, arts, athletic, and activity programs. Additionally, Sussman is rocketing into the 21st Century with technology. Students have access to a wide variety of technological resources from touch screen devices to desktop computers.

We look forward to partnering with our students' families to help them reach their personal goals. For the last year our SMS slogan on Twitter has been: "**21st CENTURY LEARNERS THRIVE HERE!**" It is clearly reflected in our school's newly developed vision statement which reads:

At Sussman Middle School, 21st-century learners thrive as they prepare for their high school journey to become college and career ready, globally competitive, and citizens of strong character.

We expect all Sussman Middle School students to graduate from high school and be ready for college and/or a career. When college and career readiness becomes the driver in education, great things can happen. We emphasize the importance of working hard and having fun, as learning and school should be enjoyable.

Our relationship with you is essential; we want you involved in the education of your child, so together we can best prepare our students for the opportunities and challenges of our ever-changing world

We look forward to an exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Jagielski

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Principal