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Dear Dragon Family,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Sacramento Charter High School! I hope you are all enjoying the summer so far and are as excited about the upcoming school year as we are! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Christina Smith and I have been with the St. HOPE family at Oak Park Preparatory Academy for the past five years as an ELA instructor and more recently, as the Acting Principal. Throughout the years, I have been a part of the village that supports scholars, celebrating the successes and confronting the challenges. In June, I watched as the founding scholars of OPPA walked across the stage at Sac High's graduation. As their names were announced and they proudly stood in their caps and gowns, I was reminded of the commitment it takes to ensure that all of our scholars are ready for their next step. That's why I'm excited to continue to be a part of the academic journey for our scholars at St. HOPE in my new role as our 10th-12th grade Site Lead at Sac High in the upcoming year.

We all know that Sac High has had some tremendous success in the past including consistently preparing 95% of its graduating seniors to be accepted to a four year university. We also know that there are many opportunities that exist to further strengthen our school. This upcoming school year is a recommitment to St. HOPE's five pillars. We know that our families make the choice and commitment to send scholars to St. HOPE Public Schools and want to ensure that our team of staff and teachers meet that commitment with high expectations for scholars and a focus on results. We know that this requires more time, both in and out of the classroom, so that our scholars have the power to lead in their chosen professions and communities.

I'm looking forward to working with our committed team of administrators, teachers, and staff in providing the best educational experience possible as our scholars continue their high school careers and are set up on a path to college success. We are excited about the potential that a new school year holds, and are eager to begin an open conversation with all stakeholders. We would love to see all of our families at the upcoming orientation sessions.

In service,

Christina Smith  
10th-12th Site Lead, Sacramento Charter High School