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Dear Community Member:

On September 8th, the faculty and staff of the Cold Spring Harbor Schools will enthusiastically welcome 1969 students to the 2011-2012 school year. Our Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff are committed to making this year a successful one for all of our children! Last May, our residents overwhelmingly approved a budget which maintained a focus on academic, co-curricular and athletic programs for our students, yet also included cost saving measures to assure fiscal prudence. As a result, the district has continued to preserve desirable class sizes, and continue the commitment to maintain several initiatives which enrich the instructional program, for example: providing additional resources and professional development for literacy, science and math instruction, expanding the study of Spanish into the 5th grade, offering a myriad of new course electives and completing our multi-year plan of Smartboard installation in all instructional areas.

The Board has wisely planned to protect the community's investment in our schools by implementing a long-term plan of infrastructure improvements to ensure that our facilities are properly maintained and that our students can learn in an environment that is safe and conducive to instruction. Some of the recent projects that are currently completed or underway are: renovation of the science lab and music rooms at Lloyd Harbor; installation of new clock, public address and drainage systems in the High School; ventilation systems at Goose Hill; and bathroom renovations at West Side. These improvements have been funded through our voter approved Capital Reserve program and have not resulted in any additional debt or need to issue construction bonds.

This year will also be marked by a 50th anniversary celebration of the opening of Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School. Please be sure to visit our website at www.csh.k12.ny.us to keep abreast of celebratory activities planned for our community. Also, an alumni event is in the works for April 28, 2012 in which we hope our graduates will return to renew friendships with classmates and enjoy a walk down memory lane.

This will be a very challenging year for public education. But the investment in our youth is an investment in our nation's future. Democratic societies cannot flourish without an educated citizenry.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a successful and enjoyable school year! I hope to see you on campus!

Sincerely,

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