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Good evening Huskies,

I have received feedback from several parents regarding their concerns about a few changes that have taken place at Hagerty High School. I believe that it is important for you to hear directly from me why we made some of the decisions that we made this year. I understand that some of you may not agree with the decisions that we have made; however, I do believe in open and honest communication.

The first thing I would like to address is schedule changes. We have tried to accommodate student requests in course selection as we developed our master schedule this year. Students were able to choose the classes they wanted in the spring. We used that data to determine our staffing needs and to allocate an appropriate number of sections in our master schedule to try to provide them with the courses that they selected. We start building the master schedule around the middle of June and the schedule is completed by the end of July. We received almost 500 schedule change requests during the first week of August. Each schedule change requires us to change at least two classes at a minimum and can impact even more. It is just not feasible for us to be able to accommodate all these requests after the schedule has been developed. In the future, we are going to advertise and communicate a deadline sometime around the end of the school year where we can accommodate all requested changes prior to putting together the master schedule.

The second thing I would like to address are your concerns about student ID badges. In May, we partnered with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department to become the pilot high school for students wearing ID badges while they are on campus. As principal, I want to be proactive when it comes to student safety and security on campus and I embraced the idea of piloting this program for the school district. As you can imagine, identifying who is supposed to be on our campus is not always easy and many people look like students. It is important for our staff to be able to quickly identify who should be on campus at all times and having students wear their ID badges on campus will help us do that. I appreciate your support in helping to encourage your children to wear their ID badges during the school day while they are on campus.

The last thing that I would like to address are the changes that have taken place with student parking. When I arrived on campus in May, my staff informed me that we do not have enough parking spaces on our campus to meet the needs of our students who would like to park on campus. Traditionally, Hagerty has assigned each parking space to an individual student. Doing this only allows us to sell an exact number of parking spaces. If a student is absent, then that parking space would sit empty all day. In an attempt to increase the number of parking spaces that could be sold, we have tried to create a system with three different parking lots that would allow us to flex parking since so many of our students have flexible class schedules.



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Our goal is to increase the number of parking passes that are sold so that more students can have the privilege of driving to school and parking on campus. We have been monitoring the parking lot very closely to determine the number of open parking spots that we have throughout the day in order to determine how many spaces we can sell. What we have experienced with flexible scheduling is that our parking lot is not fully utilized each period of the day. Currently, we have approximately 50 students on our waiting list who would like to have the privilege of parking on campus. In the next week, we will be able to open up more parking spaces to accommodate students on that list. I know that our parents and students would prefer to have their own parking space assigned to them, however, this will limit the number of students who will be able to park on campus. In an ideal world, our parking lot would be much larger so that we can accommodate everyone who would like to park on campus. We are attempting to do what we can to allocate our resources to meet the needs of our students and families.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this great school and community. I believe in transparency as much as possible and hope that I have been able to explain the rationale behind some of the decisions that we have made. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 407-871-0700. I look forward to an outstanding year in my first year as a Husky.

Sincerely,

Robert Frasca, Jr.
Principal