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## **Welcome from the 2016-2017 Administrative Team**

We care deeply about your success individually and collectively. We *expect* you to succeed. When you entered 7<sup>th</sup> grade you were still children. You left Jr. High as young adults, and you will graduate high school as adults. It has been my privilege to be the principal of Orem Junior High for the past 7 years. Over half of the students at OJHS come to Timpanogos High School, so I have known many of you since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I have the unique privilege of seeing many of you morph from children to adults.

When I attended the THS graduation in May and I realized that every graduate soon enters the real world whether he or she is prepared or not. It also hit me how important it is that we all work together as a team to make sure every one of you is “future ready.” Our commitment to you is that you will be prepared to go on to college, the military, a certification program, or the workplace. We expect *every* student at THS to plan for some kind of training/education after high school.

While the math, science, and language arts skills you learn here are important, there is *much more* that you will gain from Timpanogos high school. Learning how to cultivate and navigate relationships is important. You must know how to collaborate, communicate, and think deeply—no matter what you do in your future. Understanding how to manage life’s pressures and stress is a must. Being a good citizen in every sense of the word matters. The team of teachers and staff at THS is as good as there is anywhere in the world, and they are prepared to help you develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will prepare you for life now and for life after high school.

Your time here is short. Get in and get involved. Fully engage in your academic classes. Join something extracurricular—leadership, athletics, clubs, or service organizations. Enjoy the social life in high school but be fully engaged in becoming “future ready.”

All fourteen years of my career as an administrator have been serving the students from our three feeder junior highs. I love this community and I’m thrilled to be able to continue to serve students and parents here. I’m also deeply grateful for the teachers and staff at THS. They are fully committed to your success. From the admin team to the custodial team, from secretaries to teachers, everyone here is advocating for your success. Your success is a result of your efforts, combined with the efforts of an amazing team of professionals that work every day to help you grow and progress. THS celebrates 20 years of educating students this year. As your new principal, I can honestly say “It’s a GREAT day to be a T-wolf!” Let’s make 2016-17 your best year yet.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jensen and Timpanogos High School Administrative Team