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Dear families,

On Wednesday, November 29, your high school student(s) will have the opportunity to engage in an event that has never happened in Richfield Public Schools, and is quite rare across the state. S/he will be able to spend the day voicing his/her opinions on how to create a district-wide environment where each individual can learn, grow, and excel - the essence of our district mission statement.

Richfield Public Schools is one of over 40 districts to take part in *Reimagine Minnesota*. Last year, a committee was formed by the Association of Metropolitan School Districts to develop a collective plan to address access, equity and excellence in educational achievement for each and every student. Superintendents from across the metropolitan area, including Superintendent Unowsky, have come together to engage in this critical work. This year, we held two day-long meetings with K-12 administrative staff, and teachers and students in middle school and high school to determine a plan specific to our district, based on what our students deemed were the challenges we face and the outcomes we desire. The event on November 29 is the first step in realizing our goals.

On Wednesday, November 29, all students at Richfield High School are invited to attend a day-long event called Reimagine Richfield. Students will use "open space technology", where they will engage in conversations that will shape their future - everything from curriculum reform to destroying the achievement gap and every student graduating on time. Staff and students are finalizing the plans for this amazing event. All high school staff, and many staff across the district, will take part in the logistics of the day - everything from registering students to helping in the lunchroom, to publishing the ideas generated from the conversations.

We need your student(s) to be part of these conversations. Please encourage your student(s) to attend school on this day and to be fully present in these activities. Should your student(s) not wish to attend this event, we will have rooms on hand at the high school for studying throughout the day.

I am extremely excited for this day and for the ideas your student(s) can bring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Latanya Daniels, Principal
Richfield High School