

# HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear students and families of Hartford High School,

I am writing this letter on behalf of our Counseling Department. As many of you know our former Counseling Department Chair, Cindy Edson, has taken a new position. We wish Ms. Edson well in her new endeavor. During the spring I worked closely with the returning counselors to address our department moving forward. The Counseling Department has been in transition for the past few years. The shift has included our counselors co-teaching our ninth grade *Patterns of Literature and Learning* class where they have led our students in the creation of Personalized Learning Plans (PLP). As this work has evolved it has been my sense that our counselors availability for the day-to-day needs of our building has diminished as their other commitments have increased. While it is true that working in the *Patterns* classes has benefitted all students in their PLP exploration and planning for their high school career; the department took time last spring to review our counseling model. I am committed to Hartford High School's Counseling services and will function as their department chair in the coming year.

After consideration of a different model that included a healthy conversation about our students' needs, we decided on a model that will ensure that each student, upon entry to our school, will be assigned a counselor; this counselor will be with the student for their entire high school career. In order to make this work there will be some changes to our current student - counselor assignments. The following represents the alphabetical breakdown of students and their counselors.

Grade	Mr. John Sanchez	Ms. Karen Allen	Mr. Frank Thatcher
9	A – Gi	Go – Pf	Po – Z
10	A – Hic	Hin – Pat	Pay – Z
11	A – Gic	Gil – Mc	Mi – Z
12	A – G	H – Nich	Nico - Z

Please note that each student's counselor is listed on their schedule which can be accessed on Aug. 8 through the Infinite Campus portal. In addition to the counselors listed above Ms. Barbara Mason will return and will assume a number of critical roles including: working closely with students with social and emotional needs, coordinating the ninth grade *Patterns of Literature and Learning* work, and supporting student transition to high school; while Ms. Mason does not have a defined caseload her ability to support all learners will provide a service that our school has desperately needed.

I hope that this letter has addressed any questions that may arise regarding the Counseling office model moving forward; if you have questions please feel free to contact me at (802) 295-8610 x \*2190.

Sincerely,



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