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Dear Mr. Huber-Kantola and Board Members,

The enrollment at North Valley High School consists of 145 9<sup>th</sup> graders, 145 10<sup>th</sup> graders, 151 11<sup>th</sup> graders, and 151 seniors for a total of 592 students. We have set some goals for the year but specifically for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. One of the major goals was to increase communication between our school and the parents/guardians of our students. We have asked all of our teachers to build a teacher webpage which will be displayed on the North Valley Home page under teacher pages. This will be a work in progress as we move through the school year.

The other major goal we have been working on is our attendance. We want our students to come to school. If they are present we can accomplish many of our foundation goals. At this point attendance figures have not come in but we are really emphasizing to our parents and student body, come to school.

A third goal of ours this year is to really look at the failure rate and our graduation rate. We have established a couple of new things this year which will help monitor students. We have implemented a Freshmen Forum class which will allow us to track students throughout their 1<sup>st</sup> year in high school. This particular class also allows us to build a foundation from the ground up with our Freshmen. Included with this program is the second year of our Advisory program which tracks students throughout their high school career.

We have increased our technology in our school; we are in the second year of our new 30 seat computer lab equipped with a teaching station which is being used just about every period of every day. We also installed active boards in all of our math and science classrooms and have conducted workshops on how to use this new technology in curriculum of these two subjects. Mark Austin, Rob Saunders, Kirsten Valenzuela, and Mike Durrant have been resources for our teachers when it comes to technology and specifically, our math and language arts curriculum and best practices as it relates to the active boards.

Kagan strategies and best practices in the classroom are once again an emphasis. We are beginning the process of moving forward with Credit by Proficiency in our math classes and a couple of our English and Science classes.

I will give you an update as we move through the first trimester.

Finally, we have had tremendous numbers in extra and co-curricular activities first trimester. We have approximately 150 participants in fall sports which included cross country, football, soccer, and volleyball.

Respectfully submitted,

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