

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL SWANSON
Letters of Recommendation for HHS Juniors
April 26, 2024

Dear HHS Juniors and Parents/Guardians of HHS Juniors:

Some students and parents contacted me recently to report that some HHS teachers have declined to write letters of recommendation for our current juniors next fall. The Hingham Education Association (HEA) has indicated that teachers are not currently making commitments to write letters of recommendation as part of a "work-to-rule" action connected with ongoing contract negotiations.

Although we still have more than five months until most of our college-bound juniors will require letters of recommendation, HHS administrators are already collaborating with district leaders to develop contingency plans that could be used if the current situation persists. Be assured that we will consider all available solutions to ensure that our students receive the support they need when they apply to college in the fall.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through these issues. We continue to hope for a timely settlement of the teachers' contract, which would resolve anxiety about letters of recommendation while also allowing us to continue to focus on our primary goal: providing the best possible education for all our students.

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson

Principal