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Dear Dr. Bergen and School Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in the hopes of initiating a Franklin tradition that can last for decades to come. As a proud parent, former teacher and administrator and most importantly community member of Franklin, I feel that we have an opportunity to celebrate the accomplished graduates of Franklin High School. In addition to this, our longstanding excellence in sports has fostered revered athletes who have provided so much pride to this community. To celebrate our accomplished students and student athletes, I would like the opportunity to meet with you to create a Franklin High School Hall of Achievement.

Currently I work as an administrator in a district that is entrenched in its hometown pride and sense of community like Franklin. This community has adopted a Hall of Fame that celebrates their accomplished athletes and The Wall of Achievement that celebrates graduates who have excelled in a professional field, community and philanthropic endeavors or any contribution to our community or society. I have reached out to the committee to find out particulars regarding the creation of these awards, and they have provided me with a great deal of information. In addition, I anticipate that Franklin may enhance this model to include not only student athletes, but celebrate our students who have excelled in the arts, technology and other extra-curricular activities.

Franklin is an exceptional community with a school system that fosters young adults abilities, interests, vision and talents. I found so much joy in working in the Franklin Public Schools for 15 years and would love nothing more than to start this endeavor with your team. Through my years as a Franklin Educator and resident, I can identify potential deserving nominees ranging from former students, teachers, friends and other current and former Franklin residents. I gather that our community would relish in the idea of nominating their friends, family and fellow community members as well.

After reviewing and discussing my proposal, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with any stakeholders to discuss this further. I do understand that this would involve a great deal of work before coming to fruition, but this is valuable work that will continue to foster Franklin Pride and collaboration among our schools and overall community.

In Collaboration,

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