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Dear South High Students and Parents:

Each year our course guide and registration process is reviewed and revised in our constant effort to meet the needs of our students. Again this year we are offering an on-line course registration process to simplify and improve the accuracy of student selections. Teacher recommendations in the core subject areas will automatically appear on your registration screen. However, it will be necessary for you to select all other courses appropriate to meet your high school and future goals.

At South High, we believe high school should prepare you for the next step after graduation. For most of you, that will be admission into college. As your principal, my goal is to provide you with the necessary courses that best prepare you to successfully complete college and help guide your thinking into a career path. One advantage of attending a large high school is the opportunity to select from a greater number of elective and specialty offerings that will enhance your high school experience. Please take time to thoroughly examine this book and familiarize yourself with the tremendous variety and depth of our offerings. This year we have added eight new courses to address the diverse interests of our students: Career Pathways for the Teaching Profession Practicum, Pre-Professional Health Sciences Academy, Network+ Certification, Fundamentals of IT/Computer Maintenance, Creativity, AP Environmental Science, Geology, and Human Anatomy & Physiology.

The course selection process is one of the most important steps to begin a new year focused on achievement and creating a well-rounded high school experience. South's counselors, teachers and administrators are available to help you select courses that will allow you to reach your personal goals, interests, and future plans. I encourage students and parents to work together to select classes and to attend **Curriculum Evening on January 12, 2012** to learn more about course content, prerequisites, and course sequences. Our staff offers a wealth of experience and wisdom that will be instrumental in helping you build your 2012-2013 school schedule.

The decisions you make for course selections are serious and very important to overall school planning. We hire teachers and build South's master schedule based on your choices. Very few changes are allowed to your schedule after it is made. Therefore, it is important to make your class choices carefully. The choices you make this February will help define the number of opportunities available for you after graduation. We look forward to working with you as you make decisions regarding your schedule and post-secondary plans.

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