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Dear Grizzly Family,

On behalf of your entire Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education and District Administration, I am absolutely thrilled—and deeply proud—to announce the official adoption of our five-year strategic plan!

This plan isn't just a document; it's a promise we've made to each other, a bright, shared path forward crafted over many dedicated months. The heart of this plan beats with the invaluable ideas, hopes, and dreams shared by our brilliant scholars, committed parents, devoted educators, and incredible community leaders.

We always say that the Grizzly community is Stronger Together, and through this collaborative process, you demonstrated that truth in the most powerful way. We are truly a family working together!

We have forged a shared vision for what education can and must be in our district. Our focus is laser-sharp: a future where every single member of our school family doesn't just attend, but thrives in an environment exploding with innovation, excellence, and true equity.

These powerful themes guided us in creating the three critical Pillars of Success for our journey:

- 1. Accelerating Academic Excellence**
- 2. Advancing Future-Ready Preparedness**
- 3. Allocating Resources Equitably**

I warmly invite every member of our Grizzly Family to dive into the full strategic plan on the district's website, linked [here](#). As you read it, know that you are looking at a forward-thinking roadmap designed to ensure every student can unlock their full, amazing potential and be genuinely prepared to lead tomorrow's world.

Your partnership isn't just helpful; it is the engine of our success! Please follow along on this magnificent journey with us. We need your voice! Thus, we invite you to share your perspectives, ask your questions, and join hands with us in this absolutely critical effort.

Together, as one unified Grizzly Family, we will build a brighter, more brilliant future for all!

Warmly and with great excitement,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alena Zachery-Ross".

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