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Message about Hallway Lockers

When returning to HMS this year, you will notice that no hallway lockers will be issued. The rationale for this move is as follows.

1. **Improve traffic flow between classes.** Students will no longer need to stop at lockers between classes, eliminating the crowding situations that occur at the locker banks during passing periods. Twenty percent of situations referred to the office have origins at hallway lockers.
2. **Organization.** Students will have access to classroom sets of textbooks in all classrooms. Individual textbooks will be issued to students to take home and keep for the duration of the school year for homework purposes. If students do not have a need to carry textbooks from class to class, and we have systems in place to address PE clothes, athletic equipment, band instruments, and sack lunches or lunch boxes, there is not a need to have hallway lockers. When you refer to the school supply list you will notice that a three inch, three-ring binder is required. This binder will serve as the main tool for student organization. Once we get used to this new process, students will see that the three-ring binder will be one of the only items they need to carry with them at all times.
3. **Reduce maintenance cost.** Our lockers are twenty years old, and it is increasingly more challenging to find replacement parts when the lockers need repair.

If you have further questions about lockers, please let me know.

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