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Dear AMS Families,

Recognizing the importance of the social and emotional well-being of our students is one of our district's top priorities, as outlined in the latest strategic plan. To that end, AMS is partnering with Stanford's *Challenge Success*, a program designed to "provide schools and families with the information and strategies they need to create a more balanced and academically fulfilling life for their kids. [They] believe that effective change happens when all stakeholders – administrators, faculty, parents, counselors, and students – come together to identify problems and work on solutions."

Last year, our students completed a survey as part of our school's partnership with Challenge Success. The survey asked questions about homework, extracurricular activities, sleep, physical health, parent expectations, academic engagement, academic integrity, and support & belonging at school. The results of the survey were discussed with our staff and the Planning and Performance Leadership Team (PPLT). As part of the AMS update, results from the survey will be shared at the PTA's upcoming community meeting on October 28 at 7:30 PM in the AHS library. I encourage you to attend this meeting and hear what our students had to say.

On the evening of November 18, Challenge Success staff member Jon Kleiman will give a presentation, *The Well-Balanced Student*, here at AMS. Stay tuned for details.

Sincerely,
Stu Horlacher