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Dear Candidate,

As the advisers of the Nathan Hale Chapter of the National Honor Society, we would like to congratulate you on your outstanding academic record. The purpose of the National Honor Society, a community service organization, is to create enthusiasm for *scholarship*, to stimulate a desire to render *service*, to promote *leadership*, and to develop *character* in the students of secondary schools. The four areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character are the four criteria upon which the selection of an individual is based.

If you should choose to apply, the selection process begins by accessing the Membership Selection Packet from Mrs. Avelli or Ms. Fisher. The application may be typed and filled out completely and returned to Ms. Fisher in **Room 113** or Mrs. Avelli in **Room 128** by **Friday, October 12th, 2018** by **3:00 p.m.** An electronic copy can be found and submitted through Google Classroom. The class is titled National Honor Society Applicants and the code is: **5muf7f**. The following are a few points to consider when filling out the selection packet:

- *If you are unsure whether an activity/organization is considered community service, put it down anyway.*
- *You must provide names and phone numbers of contacts for your community service activities.*
- *Be specific when describing dates and details of activities (use extra space if necessary).*
- *Indicate whether a service activity was volunteer or required (i.e. for course credit, grade requirement).*
- *All applications must be typed! Download the template from nationalhonorsociety.Huntington.site.eboard.com.*
- *Give the recommending parties (teachers, community members, etc...) ample time to complete the recommendation form. Choose those who know you best and who can attest to your leadership qualities.*
- *The three recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal.*
- *In your personal statement, please write about areas other than academics; you have already met the 90% scholarship criteria. You can include articles, photos, etc.*
- *Late or incomplete packets will not be considered for selection.*
- ***Be truthful on your application! If you put false information in the packet, you will not be considered for membership.***

*****We will be holding a meeting for anyone who has questions about the application process right after school in the Heritage Room on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.*****

After handing in the selection packet, faculty members are given the opportunity to provide information relative to your character, leadership, and service; we collect this information. This information is then presented to the Faculty Council Membership Selection Committee. This committee, comprised of faculty members appointed by the principal, evaluates each candidate based on the selection criteria and the information that you, your sponsors, and faculty members have supplied. The identities of the committee members remain confidential, as do all aspects of the committee meetings and all information related to your candidacy. While we are permitted to attend the meetings and record the committee's decisions, we are not permitted to discuss specifics, nor are we "voting" members. You will be notified by mail whether or not you have been selected for membership. In the event that you are not selected for membership, no confidential information can be discussed about each individual student. If you are a junior, you may request to be considered in your senior year. The selection process culminates in the formal induction of new members on *Wednesday, November 14th, 2018* at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntington High School auditorium.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. Avelli
HHS Faculty
NHS Adviser

Ms. T. Fisher
HHS Faculty
NHS Adviser

