Dear Parent or Guardian,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement about working with your child this year in Honors Biology.

I am a graduate of The Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University where I earned a Master’s degree in Biological Science Education. Prior, I earned a Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences from Rutgers College.

The main goal of my course is to provide your son or daughter with all of the knowledge needed to become contributing members of a scientific community and prepare them for a career in a wide variety of scientific fields. Over the course of this year, we will explore biological concepts through a wide variety of activities including interactive lectures, labs, collaborative activities and projects.

Above all, I want your child to be successful in this course. For this reason, I would like to establish an open line of communication. North Hunterdon High School uses a secure online grade management program that posts updates about your student. There you will be able to monitor your child’s performance in this course. I would encourage you to check on your child’s performance through this web portal at least once a week. Feel free to contact me with any problems that may arise.

I would also strongly recommend reviewing your son or daughter’s Honors Biology syllabus with them. Additional information regarding the class, including my policies and expectations, is provided in the syllabus. Your child should have a copy of that syllabus in their Honors Biology binder. Additional copies of the syllabus will be available throughout the year on my website.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at mowdij@nhvweb.net. I look forward to meeting you at Back-to-School Night.

Michael Owdij

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Please have your son or daughter return this paper to me. I ask that both of you sign it after reviewing the course syllabus

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