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Greetings from the Topeka High 150th Planning Committee! We hope this letter finds you well.

In 1871, Topeka was on a fast track forward. The bitter war was behind them, and it was time to build. In 1871, the Board of Education decided to take that giant leap forward – a high school. There, Topeka's children could stretch their minds with Greek and Latin, algebra and geometry, botany and bookkeeping.

Topeka High School continues to give the capital city's children that opportunity to leap beyond a basic education, and it is time to mark the next milestone: **150 years of educational excellence.**

We ask you to join us in creating a celebration worthy of all Topeka High has given to the community over 15 decades.

As we are still facing challenges created by the pandemic and making our way back to a semblance of normalcy, the committee planning Topeka High School's 150th anniversary sees an even bigger obligation now to bring our community together in celebration in the year 2021.

The year 2021 will be full of events that fete this special anniversary. A document enclosed has a list of those events and activities. Events might need to be rescheduled as dates draw near.

We realize that budgets may be strained right now. But when deciding where in the community to invest your resources, please consider how a community wide celebration like Topeka High's sesquicentennial can lift us all up at a time we need it the most.

We are inviting you, alumni, multi-generational THS families, THS classes and business friends to help make 2021 the most memorable year yet.


Included are some suggested giving levels. There might be a particular event you wish to sponsor. Two events already have already been spoken for. Michael Stimpert (1962) is sponsoring the Sock Hop. Gayle and Alice Terry (1951) Vernon are providing birthday cake on the lawn for students and staff.

Contact Joan Barker at the THSHS with questions: (785) 234-5441, (785) 295-3200, thshs2001@yahoo.com, Contributions can be made online at topekahigh150.com and thshistoricalociety.org or sent to the THSHS office.

All donations go to the Topeka High School Historical Society, a 501(c)3 corporation, for use by the Topeka High 150 committee. Any funds remaining will go into the THSHS operating budget.

Thank you for your consideration. Take care and best regards.


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