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Dear Future Ace,

I am honored to be able to speak to you on behalf of the Senior Leaders at Ida Crown and tell you why you should come to Ida Crown. Ida Crown is a family and we want you to be a part of it. The Senior Leader program will team you with a senior to help you navigate the school and makes your transition from eighth grade to high school so much easier.

A week before school begins in August, you will have an orientation all morning. Your Senior Leaders will be there to greet you and to tell you what Ida Crown is all about. Then, they will give you a tour of the building and show you where your classes are. They want you to feel prepared before your first day. They are there to make the first few weeks easier and I know from my own experience that they did make my transition smoother.

When I was a freshman, my Senior Leader found me on the first day and made sure I knew where to go. Even after the beginning, your Senior Leaders are willing to help, care about you, and talk to you in the hallways. You will get to know your Senior Leader which can be a very special relationship. I can guarantee you that you will feel more comfortable and confident when you step foot in Ida Crown on the first day of school.

For myself, I had an amazing experience and I wanted to provide the same experience for incoming eighth graders. I was assigned two freshman girls, Nava Cohen and Rotem Lavi. For the first few weeks, I made sure that they could find their classes. During the first week of

school, I took them out to get slurpees and made sure they liked their classes and teachers. The Senior Leaders are choosing to help you instead of being chosen and that's how you know how much they care about you. I hope you can take all this into consideration when you're choosing where to go to high school, and this program is one of the many amazing programs that are offered at Ida Crown Jewish Academy.