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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

As we begin another school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all of our students, families, and staff. We are excited to open our doors for what promises to be a year of growth, learning, and renewed connection.

We continue to be proud of the strong partnerships between our school and our community, partnerships that make our district a great place for students to learn and thrive. As always, we remain committed to creating a safe, respectful, and engaging environment for every learner.

#### Updates for the New School Year

This year, we've made a few important updates that we want families and students to be aware of:

**Student Handbook:** We've revised the Student Handbook to reflect updates to our cell phone policy, dress code, and open campus procedures (for eligible high school students). We encourage all families to review the handbook together, which is available online and in print from the school office. Understanding these changes will help us ensure a smooth start to the year.

**Technology Management:** We're pleased to share that Kayla will be overseeing Chromebook management this year. She will serve as the main contact for any student device needs, including distribution, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

#### Staff Additions

We're also welcoming new staff members to our school family:

Mrs. Fisher, who has previously taught in Nashua, joins the high school as our English teacher, and we're excited about the enthusiasm she brings to the classroom.

Mrs. Hentges joins the elementary staff as the third grade teacher, replacing Mrs. Knuchel. We are excited to have another Porcupine alumni join our amazing staff.

Mrs. Knuchel has joined our middle school team and brings energy and dedication to her new role.

We've also hired a new music teacher, who will be starting in approximately a month. We're looking forward to seeing our music program grow under their leadership.

We are confident these additions will enrich our school community and provide students with valuable learning experiences.

**Looking Ahead:** We are entering this year with a renewed sense of purpose, focused on supporting the academic, emotional, and social growth of every student. Our goals continue to include strong communication with families, a safe and respectful school climate, and an engaging curriculum that prepares students for the future.

On behalf of our entire district team, thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership. We look forward to working together in the year ahead.

Here's to a successful and inspiring school year!

Warm regards,  
Susan Hoyer  
Superintendent