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Dear Parents/Guardians of ALT Students,

It is with pure excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal of this wonderful elementary school! For those of you who have yet to meet me, allow me to share a bit of my background with you. I come to Warren Township with 18 years of educational experience, the majority of which was devoted to teaching elementary students in Montgomery Township as both a classroom teacher and academic interventionist. Over the years, I've worked extensively as a professional development provider and mentored teachers in practice through local universities including Princeton University's Teacher PREP Program. Following my years in the classroom, I gained experience as both a vice principal at the intermediate level and principal at the middle school level. To have the opportunity to bring my administrative experience back to my elementary roots is a humbling privilege to which I am truly looking forward. Guiding young children and witnessing their extensive progress academically, socially, and emotionally at the elementary level is a gratifying reward!

In addition to my educational background, I believe it is also important to share that I am a proud parent of a soon-to-be sixth grader and second grader! I share this because it is important for you to know that children remain at the heart of my decisions, interactions, and procedures. It is critical for me to be able to send my own children off to school, knowing that they are safe and entering into a place that will inspire them each day. As the principal, it is my role to ensure that sense for you as a parent as well. This perspective combined with my educational background and knowledge as a certified member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) allow me to balance safety and security with a welcoming environment for children and those serving them.

I've had the pleasure of meeting most of the staff and visited the classrooms with children in action prior to the close of this past school year. I also coordinated with Ms. Bond and other district administration on a number of occasions to learn about the history and successes of our school. I look forward to working with you to continue to build pride in our school community and ensure that your child looks forward to learning each day. Our custodial and office staff are working diligently to polish our building and prepare for our new school year ahead! Please enjoy the remainder of your summer and know that you can anticipate classroom placement information in late August.

Sincerely,

Ms. Christine L. Smith Principal

