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Dear Woodland Parents & Caregivers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. I am writing to introduce myself as the new Principal of Woodland Elementary School. I am beyond excited to hold this position as it has always been a dream of mine to serve the East Syracuse Minoa Community, particularly in the capacity of an administrator.

I have been in education for sixteen years and in that time, I have held the positions of school psychologist, assistant principal, and building principal. In each of those positions, I firmly believed that all students were capable of learning and I made it a goal of mine to see that through to the greatest extent possible. This is something that I held very near to me and I will continue to embrace that philosophy as the Principal of Woodland Elementary School.

In addition to my focus on learning, I feel equally passionate about ensuring all students feel welcome and accepted at school. We are fortunate to have a hard-working, committed, and student-centered staff here at Woodland Elementary. As the administrator of the building, I'm excited to join in and continue to build upon the work of promoting inclusivity and acceptance of all.

In closing, I want to share that in my experience I have come to appreciate the importance of communication and collaboration between the school and the home environment. We welcome your participation and feedback regarding your child's education. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. The best problem-solving and most successful results come from a strong home and school partnership.

Please be on the lookout for news and updates via Parent Square and monthly building newsletters. I am looking forward to meeting you in person at school and community events and maintaining a strong partnership in your child's education.

As a reminder, our drop-off time this year for students will be between 7:35 - 7:45 a.m.; school will start promptly at 7:45. Lastly, teacher placement letters will be mailed out in the middle of August. In the meantime, if you have any questions or simply want to say hello, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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