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Dear Parents, Families, and Community Members,

It is my privilege to write to you for the 8th time as we embark on another school year! Each school year represents a new beginning for our staff and for our students as well. I am filled with hope and optimism that this new school year will be the best yet for our students, and given the many challenges we faced in the past 1.5 years due to the pandemic I am confident that we will master anything that may come our way.

As has been true in any new school year, my staff is well-prepared to meet the needs of their students. The pandemic has challenged us in every possible way, but I can say without any degree of hesitation that the staff of the Wallington Public Schools has mastered every challenge along the way - to deliver the best possible instruction to the students of our schools. Perhaps our greatest challenge this year will be to assess and address the many academic and mental health needs of our students. We have been fortunate to have received over \$1 million in Federal funding so that we can introduce new programs, enrichment opportunities, and increased staffing to help us identify and meet the needs of our students. As parents in our district family, your communication with our teachers and administrators is critical in the continued success of our students. So, I invite you to communicate freely with our staff, join the PTA and Home School Organization, attend Board of Education meetings, and involve yourself in your child's academic life in ways you may not have been involved previously. Knowing and understanding the needs of our community and of our students is really the only way we could ever hope to meet or exceed the challenges that will surely be present.

I hope you will join me in welcoming a new school year and embracing the many challenges and opportunities that will come along the way. If the pandemic year has taught us anything, it is that we can only be successful when we communicate and work with each other in the best interests of the children of the Wallington community. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the Wallington Board of Education I wish you all success as we enter the new school year. Have a successful, fun, and challenging school year!

Sincerely,

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