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Dear McKinley Families:

This letter brings the excitement of new beginnings. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year as your new principal. Enclosed you will also find your child's new class assignment.

I am honored and proud to be your principal. My first and most important job is to get to know all of you and our wonderful school. I know that I am joining a special community, and I would be grateful to learn as much as I can about McKinley with your help.

To help us get started, I will be hosting a Playground Day on Saturday, August 24 from 10 AM – 12 noon (see attached flyer) for old friends to get together and new friendships to form. This event will also give us a chance to spend some time together before the formal opening of school. I hope your family will join us for McKinley's Playground Day. I will also be available every morning this week (August 19 – August 23) from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM for Open Office Hours. Please stop by to say hello.

In addition to these informal events, I would like to begin to get to know you and the school through a series of individual interviews. Attached are questions which can assist this process. Your answers will be kept confidential. I will, however, use your answers to identify themes related to shared goals for our school. I expect these interviews to take no more than 30 minutes and would like to schedule these throughout the month of September. I will ask the PTA to help me with scheduling. The PTA does such a great job supporting our school. Participating in the PTA is the best way to stay informed about your child's time at McKinley.

I hope that as we get to know each other in the years ahead that you will find me to be a very open, collaborative and trustworthy person. I understand that change can produce feelings of uncertainty. I believe that change is a time of opportunity, and I hope you will join me in celebrating and building upon the unique qualities of McKinley for the betterment of every child that calls McKinley "my school".

Sincerely yours,

Leslie C. Pearson