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Dear Fair Haven Families,

I am excited to reach out to you with my first letter since accepting the position of Superintendent of Schools for your beautiful community. While some time remains before my official start date of July 1st, I want to update you on some of the activities that have taken place in transitioning into the new role and the experiences I have had in doing so.

The Board of Education has been integral in facilitating this process in a way that has optimized my time and efforts to ensure I am abreast of all of the important components of the Fair Haven School Community. I have been so impressed with the Board's professionalism and dedication to your children, and am confident that this working relationship will continue to blossom into one that will be efficient and effective in growing our programs and student performance.

You should also be very proud of the job our Interim Superintendent, Ms. Kathi Cronin, has done in attacking the School District's needs in this critical time with all of the same vigor she exhibited when she served in the position so successfully in the past. She has been absolutely critical to the current functioning of the day to day operations of the School District, and has proven to be invaluable in ensuring that I am up to speed as I approach my start date.

Since accepting the position on May 3rd, I have worked closely with the District to arrange meetings with Mayor Lucarelli, Chief McGovern, Borough Administrator Casagrande, as well as our District administrators. These meetings have been quite fruitful in informing me of all of the exciting work we have ahead.

While these stakeholder meetings have been so important, I must say that my favorite day thus far has been my visit to Sickles and Knollwood Schools. I was absolutely touched by the outpouring of support and the warm welcome your families provided me. As I toured the schools, I met many of our staff members in their element working with our children and it immediately became clear that Fair Haven is a very lucky community. Even more impressive were the children themselves. They were bright, engaged, and happy to be challenged. Their personalities shone throughout the visit and I am most excited to work with all of them.

As I mentioned at the May 3rd Board meeting, I will be scheduling meet and greets prior to the end of the school year to offer the community an opportunity to join in this transition process, learn a bit more about me, and to take the time to learn so much more about all of you! Our meet and greet dates will be finalized early next week and will be shared with you soon.

Thank you all for this opportunity. I am honored to be your Superintendent and look forward to working closely with you to ensure our students enjoy the best school system possible.

Sincerely,

Sean McNeil

Mission Statement

The mission of the Fair Haven School District, a small caring community that values education, is to provide students with a broad academic foundation, to nurture their talents and abilities, and to inspire them to become life-long learners. All students will achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.