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Eisenhower Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am honored to welcome you back to another year of learning at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School! It is with sincere pleasure that I introduce myself to you as your children's new Principal. Although I introduce myself to you in a new role, I am actually returning to the Eisenhower community in a new capacity. I was the counselor/behaviorist at our school for five years, prior to becoming the Supervisor of our wonderful preschool program at Children's Corner in Piscataway. I am overjoyed to be back home with my Eisenhower Eagles! I am looking forward to meeting our new families and reconnecting with those of you I have had the pleasure of knowing previously.

My path to Eisenhower began when I attended Rutgers University, where I earned a Master's and Doctoral Degree in School Psychology. As a school psychologist, I have knowledge and experience in supporting student success from both a schoolwide and individual perspective. I am also a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and previously worked as a representative of Rutgers, supporting families of students with special needs. I am looking forward to using my background, experience and collaborative approach to support the goals of our learning community.

Our school community continues to be committed to providing a safe, welcoming learning environment in which your child will be supported in maximizing their potential. Our rigorous curriculum, high standards of teaching and learning, and comprehensive positive behavior supports are the foundation through which we support student growth and achievement. The crucial element in supporting our students in meeting their learning and personal goals is collaboration with our learning partners in the home. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns, at any time. You have my commitment to always work together with the best interests of your children at the forefront.

On the first day of school, a large packet of information will be sent home with your child. Please read through the information and return the appropriate forms to school. We encourage you to visit the district and school websites frequently, www.piscatawayschools.org, in order to receive the most current and up-to-date information about our district and school. On the school website, you will be able to find important information such as classroom websites, supply lists, announcements and copies of all correspondences sent home. **The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6, 2017, with a full day of school.** Each morning, our **first bell will ring at 8:40am.** This is the time when students may enter the building and report directly to their classrooms where their teachers will be waiting to greet them. Students will not be able to report to their classrooms before 8:40am, because there will be no adult supervision available. **Official school hours are 9:00am to 3:15pm.** For the first week of school, Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians will be greeted by their teachers at the back entrance of the school. There, you will have the opportunity to review any questions and inquiries with your child's classroom teacher. The classroom teachers will then escort your children into the building to begin their school day. The first through third grade students will be dropped off at the front entrance of school. Our staff will be available to escort your children as they enter the building and to help them locate their classrooms during the first few weeks of school.

I am truly looking forward to meeting you and your children at the start of the year! I am sure I will be surprised to see how much those I used to know have grown! We are at the start of a fantastic school year that will be filled with meaningful learning experiences and wonderful memories!

Sincerely,

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