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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me so openly to the district as I begin my journey as the Director of Student Services for the Wayland Public Schools. All the support, guidance and advice I have been given so far has been much appreciated. I have lost count of the number of times I have been greeted with, 'Welcome to Wayland!'

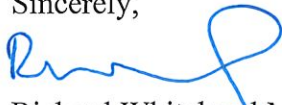
I want to take a moment to publicly thank Marlene Dodyk for the many ways in which she developed the Office of Student Services during her tenure as the Director. I was fortunate enough to spend some transition time with Marlene and the high regard in which she was held become more and more obvious as we toured the district together. My thanks and best wishes go out to her as she begins her retirement.

As the school year really starts to get going I am beginning to better understand the unique qualities of the community and the school system here in Wayland. My plan is work with all school staff to identify areas where we can improve and consolidate our work in order to continue to provide the highest quality of services and supports for our students. I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you and your children as possible over the course of the school year in order to really understand what makes this district so special.

The Wayland Special Education Parent Advisory Council will continue to be active this year and will be promoting a series of events designed to inform and educate parents, guardians and caregivers to many of the current issues and concerns in special education. The first event of the school year will be happening on Tuesday October 2nd. Details can be found at the end of this letter and on the SEPAC section of the school department website. Reminders will also be sent out via the Wayland All Schools News email. The SEPAC will continue be an important resource to many families in Wayland and also to my department in an advisory capacity.

My hope is that my first school year in Wayland will afford many opportunities to work collaboratively with parents and staff as we all strive to achieve a common goal of ensuring a positive school experience for all our students. Best wishes for the 18-19 school year and thanks again for the warm welcome I have been afforded thus far.

Sincerely,



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