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Dear Arrowwood Elementary students and families,

It is an honor to introduce myself, Bekah D'Haene, as the new principal of Arrowwood Elementary School and to join this amazing school community. I hope that this note finds you enjoying the relaxing days of summer and filled with lots of great memories. I am eagerly looking forward to beginning this school year together and getting to know the wonderful students here at Arrowwood.

My educational background has been shaped by the diverse experiences that I have been blessed to have over the last fourteen years. After attending Michigan State University for both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in elementary education and curriculum, I was able to first teach in the lower elementary at a private Islamic school in East Lansing. I then moved to work in Mt. Morris for the last thirteen years teaching primarily middle school science as well as part time assistant principal and fifth grade. I also taught math and science abroad as part of Master's degree in South Africa. In addition, I attended Oakland University to receive my Educational Specialist degree in Leadership.

While I come to Arrowwood as an educator, I am first and foremost a mother and wife. My husband Dominic and I have two energetic daughters, Madeline will be entering fifth grade this year and Hannah is moving on to second grade. Our family loves to play soccer, camp with friends, cheer on the Spartans, visit the library for another great book, and spoil our new puppy, Zelda.

I am excited to be a part of a remarkable and passionate team of educators here at Saginaw Township Community Schools to ensure the success of all students. I look forward to a great year ahead of us. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, and ideas that you would like to discuss.

To our students, I cannot wait to meet you all! I hope that you are excited for this coming school year and that you have had lots of adventures with your family and friends. It is going to be a fun year learning together. If you are nearby the school at all this summer, please stop by and say hello!

Warmest Regards,

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