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Dear Brown School Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It has been a busy summer filled with construction projects, cleaning, professional development, and planning to prepare for the students' full-time, in-person return. We couldn't be more excited to welcome all of the Brown School students back into the building for another exciting year of growing and learning.

There have been a few additions to Brown's faculty since last school year. Please join me in welcoming the following staff.

- Jodelle Austin, Pre-K Teacher
- Jaimie Martin, Pre-K Ed Tech
- Lynne McKeown, Kindergarten Teacher
- Lydia Gold, First Grade Teacher
- Shea Cupit, SEL Teacher
- Andrea Ernst, SEL Teacher
- Kelly Foley, Long Term Sub- Art Teacher
- Mary Robbins, School Nurse
- Alexa Darcangelo, Instructional Support
- Theodora Medouris Hartford, Ed Tech
- Denise LaRose, Ed Tech
- Tara Berkoski, Ed Tech
- Rachel Gips, Speech Therapist

You may have noticed the addition of a new position listed above. The district has hired Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teachers to support the K-5 students as we return to full-time in-person instruction. These positions will work closely with our guidance and social worker teams to develop and implement SEL content. This class will be a part of the specials schedule and ensure consistent SEL instruction for all K-5 students each week. Beth Dolley, Brown's School Counselor, will continue to support all students PreK-5 as well.

As we enter another school year amidst a pandemic, I ask that you review the [Pre-Screening Tool](#) with your child daily and contact Nurse Mary if you have any questions. During the 2020-2021 school year, diligent symptom checking made it so that no students or staff needed to quarantine due to close contact while at school. That's a huge accomplishment and one that I hope to maintain this next school year with your continued support.

Please refer to the Frank I. Brown Family Handbook on the school website for more information regarding district policies and Brown School procedures. We will also keep you informed of updates and events through weekly electronic and paper totes.

As always, please contact me at any time with questions or concerns. I look forward to partnering with you in your child's education.

Sincerely,

*Alexis Jones*

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