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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our school this year. It is hard to believe that it is now summer. As the proud principal of Davenport Ridge, I am very excited about the positive future of our school and the strong relationship that staff, parents and students have with one another.

At this time, there have been some changes to our teaching roster. Please note that our school has been reduced by one teaching position for next year in kindergarten (we will now have five classrooms instead of six classrooms). At the same time, we are increasing our enrollment in first grade and are adding another classroom (we will have six classrooms in first grade). Please note that Ms. Trish Lyons will transfer from kindergarten to first grade for next year.

Please join me in wishing congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Mindy Rabinowitz, Ms. Lisa DePaolo and Ms. Maria Romero on their retirement. Davenport Ridge has become a better place because of their contributions to our students and the school community.

Ms. Skylar Jayes, social worker, has communicated with me that she will be leaving Davenport Ridge to relocate to a different part of the country during the summer. Ms. Jayes has been a key part of the school community for many years; her positive presence will be missed.

In addition, the following staff members will be moving grade levels. Please welcome them into their new roles:

- Ms. Nicole DeSalvo – moving to fourth grade from kindergarten
- Ms. Sharon McAdoo – moving to kindergarten from second grade
- Ms. Molly Magarian – moving to second grade from third grade

I am sad to communicate that due to a budget cut, Mr. Richard Aune, physical education teacher will be leaving Davenport Ridge. Mr. Aune has been a wonderful addition to the team and will be missed.

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Ms. Rosina Castiglione, Teacher Leader for Student Supports, will be returning to the second grade classroom due to a budget cut that eliminated her current position. I am happy she will remain at Davenport Ridge.

Ms. Katie Teitelbaum, third grade teacher and Ms. Paige Buter, kindergarten teacher, have both communicated with me that they plan on returning for the 2024-25 academic year. Both of them have been missed and I am excited that they will be returning in August.

In addition, I would like to thank the following staff members for helping to fill our long-term substituting positions this year; we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to Ms. Jennifer Colarossi, kindergarten, Ms. Gabriella DeLaurentis, second grade, Ms. Cara Ann Rohrer, third grade and Ms. Daniella Socci, fourth grade. All staff have interim contracts that expire at the conclusion of this school year. All of them will be missed and helped to make our school community a better place.

In mid/late August, you will receive information to help you and your child prepare for the 2024-25 academic year. Until then, I wish you and your family a very relaxing and refreshing summer vacation.

Sincerely,

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