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Dear Queen Bee Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026-2027 School Year. We have had a busy and productive Summer in anticipation of your return. The Administrative Team and our Faculty have been busy working on instructional updates, school improvement planning, and some changes in work assignments that will contribute in a meaningful way to our continued success. Additionally, we continue to make significant improvements to our facilities to accommodate our programs and ensure the integrity of our buildings for years to come. I would like to take a few moments of your time to share with you some exciting updates for the coming year.

Renew The Raider: We have been hard at work over the past three years to update and improve Glenside Middle School. As you may recall, we were able to deliver updated spaces for our Band and Choral Music programs. Additionally, we were able to remodel our Main Gymnasium and our Cafeteria. We also repurposed some physical space to build out a Commercial Production Kitchen in anticipation of securing a high-quality and responsive Food Service Partner.

I am pleased to report that we made significant progress this Summer as well. When our students return, they will enjoy a new STEM Lab, a completely remodeled Learning Materials Center, and a remodeled Auxiliary Gymnasium with Locker Rooms. Our progress this Summer sets the table for a December completion of an Elevator, which makes our building ADA Accessible, and a third Physical Education Space that will serve as a Cardio Lab. I am certain that our students, faculty and community members will be pleased with the improvements. We have one remaining phase of construction next Summer when we will complete all exterior improvements, including the main parking lot and student circulation area in the front of the school, and the Raider will be Renewed. Our crews have been working 6 and 7 days per week throughout the summer, and I am confident that we will have the finishing touches done in time for your return.

Food Service Partnership: The construction of a commercial production kitchen was the critical step necessary to solicit interest from qualified Food Service Providers. We completed that process in late Spring of 2026, and Aramark Food Service was the successful bidder for our business. They are currently stocking our kitchen and training the team in preparation for the return of students and staff. All menu items will be prepared on site at Glenside and served fresh. The Glenside Kitchen will also prepare fresh meals for our satellite kitchens at each elementary. Our goal was to secure a service that provided outstanding meals at a competitive price. Additionally, it is my expectation that Aramark will vary the menu, introduce students to new menu choices, survey their satisfaction, and adjust the menu accordingly. I am fully confident in this partnership and excited to get started. All families can establish an account on Meal Time, as well as our faculty and staff members.

Personnel Changes: I am fortunate to have an outstanding Administrative Team who are dedicated to our district and this community. I am proud to share with you that Mrs. Jennifer Jonas has been

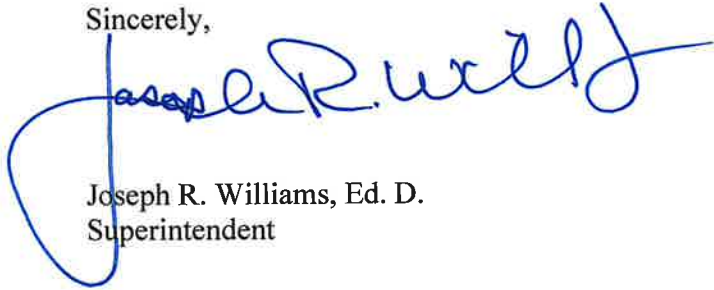
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promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Special Education and Director of our Early Childhood and Pre-K program at Queen Bee School. Mrs. Jonas is excited for her new role, and we are delighted that she remains a part of Queen Bee 16. Correspondingly, I am pleased to share with you that Mrs. Stephanie Scherer will serve as the Principal of Glen Hill Elementary. Mrs. Scherer most recently has served as the Assistant Principal of Glen Hill and has worked closely with Mrs. Jonas. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Scherer on her new post. She will be joined by Mrs. Laura Gruenwald as the Assistant Principal. Mrs. Gruenwald is a career Queen Bee educator with a strong Special Education background.

The mission of Queen Bee School District 16 is to help all students to reach new heights by delivering a world-class education. We remain committed to achieving this by working to develop a productive partnership with each and every family and our community.

Please feel free to contact your child's principal if you have any questions or concerns as our first day approaches. Additionally, do not hesitate to contact my office directly if your concern requires my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Williams", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning.

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