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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that you and your child had a relaxing and safe summer vacation! It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you. My name is Sharon Tomolonis and I will be your child's special education teacher/IEP case manager for the 2026-2027 school year. This is my 25th year in Central Bucks School District and my 28th year teaching. I have been a 4th-5th-6th grade special education teacher for the past 23 years. I am excited to work with 3rd graders this year! Prior to that, I taught fourth grade general education for two years. Before coming to Mill Creek Elementary, I was a special education teacher for students in grades 1-5 in the Norristown Area School District for three years. I taught for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit's Extended School Year Program in Pennsbury School District in the summers from 2006-2008. I also have had a variety of experiences with special education students with learning and physical disabilities, as well as experiences with a variety of different levels and populations of students in public, private, and parochial schools, both in urban and suburban settings, through my student teaching, practicum, work, and community service experiences. I received a *Master of Education with Reading Specialist certification* at Chestnut Hill College. I received a *Bachelor of Arts in Elementary/Special Education* from La Salle University. Megan Freeston is the paraprofessional (educational assistant) working with me. In addition to being a teacher, my husband and I also have two boys, Cole and Liam, who are in 12th grade and 10th grade, a chocolate Labrador Retriever, Hershey, who is 8 and a half, and a black Labrador Retriever mix, Brooklyn, who is 7 months who we rescued this summer.

I have already heard so many wonderful things about my new students and am excited to work with them. My goal for my students this year is to provide an environment that respects individual differences and celebrates diversity so that each child can feel comfortable and motivated to accomplish his or her potential academically, emotionally, and socially and find his or her place in the class as a community. Each of us has strengths and developing areas. It is my goal to find out your child's strengths and to utilize them in working on developing areas. I will strive to empower the students to be critical thinkers, responsible, creative, and life-long learners.

I believe that being informed is an important prerequisite in getting off to a good start. I am looking forward to an exciting year working together as a team with you and your child and building a relationship with you and your child. **I hope that you will be able to attend my Special Education Back-to-School Night on September 8th at 5:30-6:00 PM in room 214 at Mill Creek so that I can introduce myself in person and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.** Please share the information in this letter with your child. I am committed to making this a successful year for your child.

Thank you for all that you do to help your child be successful in school. Thanks in advance for all your support! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

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