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Dear Voorhees Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer.

I am extremely proud and honored to assume the role of Superintendent of Schools and I want to thank Mr. Redfearn for his leadership as Acting Superintendent and the district staff members for their efforts in providing an educational environment in which our students will become proactive and productive citizens.

The 2022-2023 school year will mark my 28th year in education. I have held various positions that include middle school teacher, elementary school assistant principal, middle and high school principal, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and superintendent. During the span of my career, I have committed myself to providing a quality educational experience for all children who I serve. I am a firm believer that through rigorous and relevant instruction that is differentiated for the needs of each student, doors will open for every student to enter the realm of endless possibilities. Every decision that I make will always be rooted in successful outcomes for each and every student. Providing our students with a quality educational experience is a collective task and I look forward to partnering with all parents toward this goal.

My work is grounded in every student understanding and internalizing the possibilities that await them. I focus my work on equipping students with an education that allows them to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. I believe in setting high standards for students and settling for nothing less than their very best. I believe that all students have the ability to achieve at the highest levels if afforded the opportunity. In order for a District to successfully provide that opportunity, a mindset of continuous improvement is essential. In addition, a robust system of support and accountability, grounded in collaboration among district staff, provides the necessary guideposts to move toward excellence. My experience in executing strategic plans and implementing the supports necessary for continuous improvement has prepared me to collaboratively engage with the Voorhees family toward a common vision of educational excellence.

In closing, I pledge my commitment to each of you that I will work tirelessly with a laser-like focus on meeting the academic needs of your children. My daily practice will reflect this commitment; my expectations and high standards of self and staff will reflect this commitment; and my unwavering integrity and professionalism will reflect this commitment.

I look forward to working with each of you as we collaborate in our shared mission of providing a quality education to the students of Voorhees. Together we will engage in a partnership that will be critical and essential for providing our students with the academic foundation to become contributing members of our society.

Sincerely,

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