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Dear Allenwood School Community:

It is with great honor and excitement that I write to you as the newly appointed principal of Allenwood Elementary School. Professionally, I bring 11 years teaching and 11 years administrative experience to our district. The knowledge that I have acquired during that time will assist me as I begin my journey in Wall Township.

The administration and staff at Allenwood Elementary School believe that all students can learn and achieve academic success at the highest level. We take pride in our differences and celebrate them. By doing so, students feel emotionally safe and secure, allowing them to open their minds to learning. It is important to know, however, that teaching and learning are only part of the equation. Establishing a student-centered learning environment promotes self-confidence and creates a team mentality.

Research shows the direct link between higher levels of student achievement and the school/home connection. I look forward to making the link between home and school even stronger, by working closely with the very reputable Allenwood Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and parent volunteers. Together, we will continue to bring educational activities to the students that will gauge their attention and motivate them to learn.

Allenwood Elementary School will continue to strive to make the students well-rounded individuals, capable of making decisions in an ever-changing world. A student's academic foundation and love for learning begins during the elementary years, which in turn, sets that student on the pathway to a successful future. It is my hope that our students will feel a sense of excitement and pride when they tell others that they are part of something special – they are part of Allenwood Elementary School.

A 'Meet and Greet' will take place on Wednesday, July 31st. It will have morning and evening sessions to best accommodate our families and their schedules. Kindly take a moment to complete this <u>Google Form</u> indicating what time slot you wish to attend. Please make every effort to attend a session, as I would love to personally introduce myself to our Allenwood School Community. I look forward to an exciting and productive year. Go, Dragons!

Mr. James Sterenczak Principal Allenwood Elementary School