



April 5, 2016

Dear CV Families,

We are excited to write to you today regarding the realignment of staff that must occur prior to both the district-wide redistribution of students and the opening of our new elementary building in 2018. To ensure continued success, it is necessary that we begin immediately to develop a staffing and leadership plan. This transition plan will be implemented in phases and will align the future needs of each of our elementary schools with the strengths of our principals.

We are pleased to inform you that administration has named Mr. Chad Runkle as the principal of our soon-to-be-constructed new elementary school. Mr. Runkle is a proven leader and an outstanding mentor for our students and staff. He is currently the principal at Hampden Elementary and previously served as principal at Green Ridge Elementary.

As you may be aware, the new elementary school will open in 2018 with the majority of its students coming from Hampden and Sporting Hill Elementary Schools. In an effort to give Mr. Runkle an opportunity prior to 2018 to meet the students, staff, and families at Sporting Hill – and so that he may develop transition teams for both schools – he will assume the principal role at Sporting Hill Elementary beginning in July 2016.

Also in July 2016, Mrs. Connie Henry, current principal at Silver Spring Elementary and a Hampden Township resident, will assume the leadership role at Hampden Elementary School. Dr. Anthony Parks, current principal at Sporting Hill, will become Silver Spring's new principal. Both Mrs. Henry and Dr. Parks have long records of successful leadership and we are confident in their abilities to lead their new school communities through this transition.

It is important that our families in each building have an opportunity to meet with their new principal. Throughout May and June, Mr. Runkle, Mrs. Henry, and Dr. Parks will host Meet the Principal events for students and their families. They will also spend time getting to know the staff in their new building prior to officially taking the helm in July.

As part of each school's morning announcements this week, Mr. Runkle, Mrs. Henry, and Dr. Parks will greet their students and talk with them about the principal transition.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our redistribution plan. We will continue to make this transition as smooth as possible for our students, their families, and our staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty Hillery".

Patty Hillery, Ed.D.

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