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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that you've been able to enjoy a restful and relaxing summer with family, friends, and loved ones. On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Stanhope Public School District, I am excited to welcome you back to begin another successful year.

Our custodial, technology and office staff have been working hard this summer to best prepare our building, programs, and technology for the upcoming school year. Many of our teachers and staff have also been working hard this summer in various trainings and professional development opportunities to best support our students. I'm very proud of their hard work and I'm grateful for everything they do to make our school great!

The District has welcomed our new business administrator/board secretary, Dr. Steven McHugh, who began his new role in July. He is looking forward to taking an active role in the school, District, and community. We will also be welcoming Cindy Groseibl as a basic skills instructor/interventionist. She will primarily be working with students in grades 3 through 8, and she brings great experience in a similar role. I am very excited to have these staff members join our team.

In addition to continuing our efforts with Standards Based Grading and the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) this year, we will also be rolling out a more formal Response to Intervention (RtI) program in grades kindergarten through three. RtI is a process to help identify struggling learners using current data and provide timely and targeted interventions for specific skills or concepts in which they may be struggling to master. Our administrative staff has done extensive research to prepare for this initiative and teacher training will be ongoing. In addition, Financial Literacy curriculum has been developed and will be implemented in our middle school this year. Within the

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curriculum, students will engage in lessons on budgeting, savings, credit, debt, insurance, investment and other issues dealing with personal finance.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Board of Education and community members for the opportunity to serve as superintendent of the Stanhope School District. I am honored to have your trust, and to work collaboratively with so many that are so committed to supporting our students.

I hope you all enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you and your children when school opens on Thursday, September 5.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Hagemann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Hagemann
Superintendent