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Dear parents and guardians:

As you know Mrs. Margaret-Mary Gethings is departing the District on November 21, 2018. She has been an extraordinary leader in creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment in which all children thrive. We wish her the very best of luck and thank her for her years of service to our school community.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Sharon Weirsman starts as the JBS interim principal on November 26, 2018. A highly qualified administrator, she will provide the school with experienced leadership during the transition.

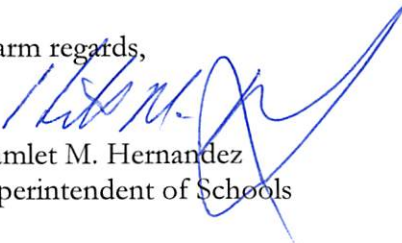
Sharon has a wealth of experience as an elementary principal. She served as the Principal of Doolittle Elementary School in Cheshire, CT for 15 years and retired in 2013. Since her retirement, she has served as interim principal in Westbrook and Orange, an executive coach to a newly hired principal, and adjunct supervisor to student teachers. Sharon will ensure our students, staff, and parents are supported and that the school continues its exceptional work in making everyone in JBS "stand tall."

Mrs. Weirsman will serve as the interim principal until the District appoints a permanent principal to JBS. Plans are being developed to allow Sharon and Margaret-Mary to spend transition time together in JBS prior to November 26, 2018. There are plans to allot time for Sharon to meet the students, staff, and school community.

During this transition, the District is committed to a hiring process that yields a highly qualified and proven effective school leader who complements and enhances our learning community. I have attached a brochure outlining the hiring process for your information. The proposed timeline is just that - a proposed timeline. Our overarching goal is to hire a stellar administrator to lead JBS!

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Weirsman join our Team and to assist us as we strive to reach our goal.

Warm regards,


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