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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at School 5. I hope that you were able to find some time to relax and enjoy your families during the summer months. The first day of school for nearly all students is Tuesday, September 6th. Our youngest ones, pre-kindergarten students, first report on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for a two-hour orientation (further information is provided in a separate letter). The entire School 5 staff is excited to greet your children, reconnect, and guide them further along their educational journey. Throughout August, Mrs. Karen DesSoye, Assistant Principal, and I have worked diligently to prepare a learning environment at School 5 that is both safe and academically challenging for children. By continuing to strengthen the school-home connection, this year will certainly be successful and rewarding for everyone.

At the top of this letter, you will find a label with the name of your child's teacher. Additionally, for your reference, a school supply list is enclosed in the envelope. On the first day of school, all students are to report to the courtyard and playground adjacent to Glen Hill Avenue. In the courtyard, pre-kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will line up in front of their teacher, who will be holding a large sign with identifying information. In the playground, students in grades 6 through 8 will line up in front of their teacher, who will also be holding a large sign. For the safety of all children, it is important that parents/guardians drop their children off and not linger around in the courtyard and/or playground. If parents/guardians want to watch their children wait on line and then enter the school, the sidewalk on Glen Hill Avenue provides a terrific view. Parents/guardians may not accompany their children into the school building.

For dismissal, the same policy as last year will remain in effect. Dismissal changes must be in writing and sent in with students to be given to their teacher upon arrival. For student safety, the school cannot accept phone requests to change dismissal procedures. In addition, please understand that the main office secretaries are not authorized to make exceptions to this policy when they receive parent phone calls.

I will provide further information via Connect-Ed phone calls. In the meantime, if you have any questions and/or concerns, please call the school. By working together, I can confidently state that this year will be fantastic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Riccui".

Robert F. Riccui, Jr.