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Dear Carlisle Community,

Staff enthusiastically greeted our returning students this past week, who cheerfully arrived in favorite school attire, many shouldering multicolored backpacks carefully packed with items ranging from stuffed animals to homework materials. Kindergartners stood in straight lines, a tad nervous on the first day of school, while the older students, more gregarious due to familiarity, mingled with their friends. The younger students appeared eager to begin class while the middle schoolers longed to sleep an hour or two more. Teachers' classrooms were meticulously set up and ready for the arrival of children, as staff worked during the summer to plan their curriculum, expand their instructional repertoire and organize their learning environments. It is wonderful to have staff and students back on campus.

The administrative team, secretaries and custodians are working arduously to orchestrate this smooth opening, which appeared seamless thanks to their attention to every detail. Our new principals, Patrice Hurley and Paul Graseck, are located in the main office in the Wilkins Building so they can communicate effectively while my new office is located with the little ones in the Spalding Building. Feel free to come by and say hello to us. The year is off to a great start! As we enter the 06-07 year, I look forward to working closely with the staff, parents and students at a variety of venues.

Hopefully, you will be able to join us at school events including a Superintendent's Coffee or one of the Principals' Coffees. We value input from the staff and parents as you provide us with insights that guide our administrative decisions. Our administrative team plans to work closely with teachers and parents to facilitate every child reaching his/her full potential this school year. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

*Marie Doyle*

Marie H. Doyle, Superintendent