

September 21, 2006

Dear Parents,

While recent press activity has drawn our time away from our most important mission, which is student learning, administrators worked late into the night to attend to the details to ensure a smooth opening of school. We thank the staff for providing warm learning environments for our students, evidenced through welcoming activities, decorated classrooms and planned lessons. Our new administrators and staff have settled in nicely while our veterans mentor and guide our new teachers; thanks to the fiscal generosity of our School Committee and Town, a third year of support has been added to our mentoring program. Our students, eager to learn, report that they love their teachers, and this was obvious to parents at our “get-acquainted” coffees. The annual fall CSA Staff Luncheon provided a superb array of international dishes and desserts that delighted our palettes prior to regrouping for our second joint faculty meeting for a discussion of district goals.

As new principals Paul Graseck and Patrice Hurley take over the day-to-day operation of the school, my priorities will shift to several long-range projects. These include:

- Establishing curriculum review cycles, beginning with math.
- Developing a strategic plan for the Carlisle Public Schools based on a shared vision and core values.
- Building a community of respect through the establishment of a Student Leadership/Anti-Bullying Committee.
- Enhancing the technological infrastructure and integration of technology into the curriculum through establishment of a Technology Committee.
- Continuing work with the School Building Committee to address our space needs and resolve the limitations of our aging campus.
- Communicating with Concord about shared staff development and curriculum development

To help achieve these goals and to ensure maximum community input, we are seeking parent representatives for four important school committees: The Math Review Committee, Strategic Planning, Student Leadership/ Anti-Bullying and the Technology Committee. The Math Review Committee will help us review and evaluate the school’s math curriculum. The Strategic Planning Team will re-evaluate and revise the school's vision and mission statements and work on a strategic plan. The Student Leadership/Anti-bullying Committee is charged with building respect and acceptance on campus and is particularly focused on preventing bullying. The Technology Committee will be evaluating the school's computer network and developing a long range plan for technology. If you are interested in participating on any of these committees, please send an email to Claire Wilcox, at cwilcox@carlisle.mec.edu by Friday September 29th.

I look forward to working with representatives from all parts of the Carlisle community to achieve our goals for academic excellence for all of our students in a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Sincerely,

Marie Doyle

Marie H. Doyle, Superintendent