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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Superintendent of the West Jefferson Hills School District. I am excited to take on this role and look forward to working with everyone to move the district forward. First and foremost, I would like you to know that I believe that strong relationships, effective communication, and a clear vision are essential to the success of any school district. I have always considered myself to be an authentic and relational leader. As the father of three young children, I understand the enormous responsibility of my position and appreciate the trust and confidence you have in the district by sending your child to school on a daily basis. I am honored to get to know your children and strive to create a positive learning environment that maximizes each child's potential.

My transition plan for my first hundred days is available on the district website for your review. I plan to engage the help of teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members to identify the district's strengths and needs to help me create a clear direction of strategic growth and leadership for the district. I will be conducting interviews, focus groups, and surveys that will provide me with the necessary data to drive this work. If you would like to participate in this process, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

I truly look forward to getting to know all members of the West Jefferson Hills Community and quickly becoming part of its culture. The district has held a special place in my heart since my early childhood when I attended nursery school at the high school. My mother was a teacher and math department chair in the district for close to 30 years, and I attended many TJ sporting events and activities as a child. Being here now as the superintendent is somewhat surreal, but has certainly reinvigorated the pride and love I have had for the district.

I am extremely humbled to serve as your superintendent and want you to know that I will do everything I can to ensure a safe, welcoming, and personalized learning environment for each and every one of our children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael P. Ghilani  
Superintendent

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