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Dear Hood Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope that your child is as excited as we are to begin a new year of learning at Hood School.

Our talented staff at Hood includes 25 returning teachers, 9 new teachers, our new school nurse, Mrs. Jennifer Pires, and our new secretary, Mrs. Lisa Parker. Please join us in welcoming the following new faculty members: Ms. Emily Fullerton (Grade K), Ms. Kimberlee Thorburn (Grade K), Ms. Adrianna Sturgis-Massa (Grade 3), Ms. Courtney Freadman (Grade 4), Ms. Lauren Cohen (Special Education 3-5), Ms. Jasmine O'Bryant (ESL), Mr. Sean McConnell (Music), Mrs. Elizabeth Morris (CIT), and Ms. Elizabeth Goldmann (Social Worker). Four of our teachers also will be pursuing new teaching positions at our school this year: Mrs. Hansen (Reading), Ms. Moses (Inclusion), Ms. Parks (Inclusion) and Ms. Vitale (Grade 3).

This year, your child will benefit from many new curriculum resources in our Hood classrooms. We are thrilled to offer our students new Social Studies curriculum units in Grades 2-5, new Science textbooks in Grade 3, and a new Social Skills program in Kindergarten. All of our classrooms in Grades 1, 2, and 5 will receive new sets of computer workstations this year. These new resources will ensure that your child continues to receive the best possible educational opportunities here at our school.

An important safety improvement that you will notice is that our school has received new water fountains that have been installed with new piping. This change will ensure that our school's drinking water meets the highest standards for safety and health.

We are looking forward to another safe, happy, and successful year at Hood Elementary. By working as a team, our dedicated staff and families will enable all of our Hood students to achieve at the highest levels.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dufour  
Principal, Hood Elementary School