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Dear Broadview Family,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Broadview Elementary School. I am truly honored to become part of the Broadview community, which has already given me such a warm welcome! In just the few interactions I've had with staff, students, and families so far, it's become abundantly clear that this school is a unique and special place.

This summer, I have been spending some time familiarizing myself with the school and community. In doing so, I've learned that Broadview is a place where strong connections are made between home and school. Our staff members are committed to developing the whole child. The result of that relationship is a strong foundation of academic excellence that I'm excited to join.

In addition to my excitement, I bring with me over 15 years of experience in the field of education. Answering a call to serve in education, I helped start a preschool program at my church, Grace Baptist, where I served as director/teacher for three years. I went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee Tech University and began teaching at Robert E. Lee Elementary. During my first year there, I earned a Master's degree in Theory and Practice from Arkansas State University and began teaching adjunct classes to future educators for Tennessee Technological University. Driven by a desire to positively impact student education on a broader level, I decided to become an administrator and earned a specialist's degree in Principalship from Arkansas State University. Most recently, I held the position of assistant principal at South Middle School.

One of the most important things to know about me is that I am the proud mom of three young adults: Adam, 25, graduated from Bethel University; Ashley, 24, graduated from The University of Montevallo; and Amy Beth, 22, is a senior at East Tennessee State University. As a parent, I fully understand the challenges and rewards you face every day as you work to ensure the very best for your child(ren).

Lastly, I view education as a life-long process and expect that I will continue to learn much about the uniqueness of Broadview this year and in the years ahead. I believe that students are at the center of all school-related decisions and am excited to unite my experience, enthusiasm, and child-centered approach with that of the teachers and staff of Broadview as we partner with you to provide the best education possible for your child(ren). I'm looking forward to meeting each of you as we start this new and exciting year together! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Educationally yours,

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