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Monday, July 12, 2021

Dear Florence Rideout Families, and Community Members,

As I finish my first few days as the new principal of Florence Rideout Elementary School I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share that I have found an amazingly beautiful school and wonderfully supportive community here in the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District.

With over 25 years in education, I have had the privilege of teaching all grade levels Pre-K through grade 5 as a classroom teacher. Additionally I have been an interventionist in the areas of reading and writing, an assistant principal, elementary principal, and district curriculum coordinator. I hold New Hampshire certification in the following areas: elementary education, general special education, curriculum director, and principal. For the last 22 years I have been employed by SAU 6. I recently moved to Concord, NH where I live with my husband, Dale, who is also an elementary school principal. I have one son who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida where he is working on his PhD in Chemical Oceanography.

FRES is a very special school! I have found the staff to be welcoming, talented, and committed to doing what is in the best interest of children. Many parents and guardians have offered warm welcomes. The students I have met were full of smiles and eager to share a kind word with me. I am beyond excited to continue building relationships with everyone and to begin planning for what promises to be a very successful school year.

One strategy I have used in the past and have found successful is to host "Listening Sessions". These sessions will be scheduled times for folks to come to FRES and sit down with me for 15-20 minutes. The purpose of the listening sessions is to actively **listen to learn about your hopes and dreams for our students, our school and the greater Wilton-Lyndeborough community**. The dates and times for the listening sessions are listed below. Please contact our new Administrative Assistant, Christina Gauthier, to schedule a date and time. All meetings will be held at FRES.

Parent Cohort: Sunday, July 18th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Monday, July 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Community Member Cohort:  
Tuesday, July 20, 10:00 - 12:00  
Tuesday, July 20, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled sessions please contact FRES and we can certainly find a time that works for you.

Your input is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Be well,

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*“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” Jane Goodall*