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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with excitement for Spring. As the newly appointed principal of Jefferson Elementary, it is both an honor and a privilege to address you. First and foremost, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. Your partnership in your child(ren)'s education is invaluable, and I am eager to work alongside you to ensure their success and well-being.

I have been an educator for twenty years. Eighteen of those years have been within the Utica City School District in roles that have included being a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

At Jefferson, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated faculty and staff are passionate about fostering a love for learning and empowering each child to reach their fullest potential. You can expect open lines of communication, regular updates about student achievement, and opportunities for involvement in school activities and events. Together, we will create a supportive and inclusive community where every voice is heard and valued.

I encourage you to explore our website, attend school events, and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. Your feedback is essential. I am confident that with your partnership, we will continue to uphold the proud tradition of excellence that defines Jefferson Elementary.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child(ren)'s education. I look forward to meeting the school community as we gear up for a rewarding and successful end of the school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours in education,

Kimberly VanDuren
Principal