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Dear PS/MS 114 Families,

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the Acting Principal of PS/MS 114. I am honored to have been chosen for this very important role. Although my official start date was August 28th, I have been working all summer to interview and hire qualified teachers, program the school and set the groundwork for building a collaborative team of professionals who will work diligently to meet the needs of all learners.

I have been employed by the NYC DOE for the past twenty-six years. I have served as an elementary classroom teacher, reading recovery teacher, building literacy coach, district literacy coach, Network Instructional Specialist, and Assistant Principal. Outside the DOE, I have also worked as a literacy consultant, providing training to teachers and school districts. In addition, I served as an Adjunct Professor in Fordham University's Graduate School of Education. I truly believe that all of my instructional and administrative experience has led me to this most important position, principal of PS/MS 114.

It is my mission to build upon the strengths of the teaching staff and school community in order to meet the social, emotional, and instructional needs of each student. It is also my goal to partner with families and community members in a collaborative decision making process.

I am very excited to announce that my first instructional initiative is the adoption of Teachers College Writing in grades K-8. This initiative consists of 45 days of teacher training at Columbia University over the course of the school year as well as the purchase of teaching resources for each classroom. This would not have been possible without the financial support of the PS/MS 114 Parents' Association. The commitment to support teacher training and curriculum development is our first collaborative project.

I am eager to begin my work in classrooms observing teachers and students engaged in the learning process.

I hope to meet you at our first parent event. Please come to our Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday, September 13th from 4:30-7:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Welsome