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Dear Saddlewood families,

As we move into August and look ahead to the start of a new school year, I wanted to take a moment to share with all of you some important information regarding the upcoming year.

At a recent school Board meeting, the following plan was approved:

On July 1, 2018, I will assume the role of Sand Creek Middle School Principal. During the course of this school year, I will be transitioning to that role, which is currently held by Mr. Thomas Nicholson. Mr Nicholson is retiring at the end of the school year after many years of dedicated service to the District.

As part of this transition, the District has crafted a thoughtful plan for administrative succession, both here at Saddlewood, as well as at Sand Creek Middle School. The District will begin the search for the new principal at Saddlewood in the coming months, with a goal of naming the new principal prior to the end of the calendar year. The current plan is for the successful candidate to begin their role following the holiday recess in January 2018, working closely with me during that month to fully transition into the role for the remainder of the school year. The plan will then be for me to work for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year at Sand Creek, working closely with Mr. Nicholson, while also providing support, when needed, to the new principal at Saddlewood. I believe strongly that this plan allows for a smooth transition in leadership at both buildings and will allow for a successful school year for all students and families.

Over the past six years, it has been my honor and privilege to be part of what I believe to be the most supportive and amazing school community in the area. While I am very excited professionally about this opportunity, it is bittersweet to know that I will be saying goodbye to all of the students and families at Saddlewood. The relationships that I have formed with the children and the partnerships that have been developed with families have been truly special. When asked what I will miss the most about my time at Saddlewood, my answer has been, and will always be, "the people". It is the people who have made this job so rewarding for me and it is the people who I will think of fondly as I move into the next phase of my career. I could not have asked for a better school community to work with for the past six years and am truly grateful to have had the chance to work with all of you.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Sincerely,



Michael Marohn  
Saddlewood Principal