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Dear School Union 76 community,

I wanted to reach out and offer a "welcome back" to the 2023-24 school year. By now, you have seen messages from your respective building principals. We have a number of new administrators in the district:

Carla Magoon - Director of Technology, SU76 Wendy Leach - Director of Special Services, SU76

Susan Wells - Principal, Sedgwick Elementary School

Jane O'Connor - Principal, Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School

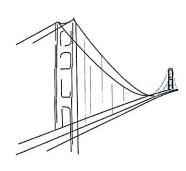
Rebecca Gratz - Principal, Deer Isle-Stonington High School

Betsy Woodward - Athletic Director, Deer Isle-Stonington and Sedgwick

Liz Lincoln - Director, 21st Century Afterschool Program (all schools)

I am also pleased to announce **Ms. Whitney Brown** as the new Assistant to the Superintendent. She will be attending all School Board meetings and will be copied on many communications with the community moving forward.

We are shaping up to have a really great school year across School Union 76. We have a great mix of veteran and new staff. Last week, we provided training workshops to all our new teachers. They were hosted by various school leaders (based on expertise, covering subjects like technology, special education, and even a bus tour of the SU 76 communities). Starting tomorrow, we will be hosting professional development for full staff, and then students will be returning next week!



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At the moment, we are hiring for the last few open positions across the SU. We have been fortunate to find so many highly qualified and experienced new staff, and hope to have the few remaining positions filled soon. We will have interim staff in place to start the year until full time replacements can be found. This will only be necessary in a very few instances, however.

Again, welcome back to all parents, students, and staff. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person, and hope you would reach out to us with any questions or if you need any support.

Kind regards,

Dan Ross

Superintendent, School Union 76