



August 24, 2018

Dear Families and Students,

Like many of our students, it is about to be my first day of school in Avon, having started as our superintendent at the end of the previous school year. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the support that I have received from our faculty/staff, our parents/families, our students, our town officials, and our community members. I am honored to lead Avon Public Schools, and I will continue to do everything I can to serve the students, families, and members of our community. As a product of public education and a family who taught me that anything was possible with hard work and a good education, I truly believe that all of our children can be successful if we provide them with the right tools. Our standard must be excellence in all that we do if we are to ensure that our young people graduate from high school ready to compete in the global economy the 21st century brings us.

My first few months as our new superintendent has given me the opportunity to take a look at where our district has been, where we are, and where we want to be. Through interviews and meetings with staff, parents, students, Board of Education members, town officials, and community members, I have been gathering the necessary data and information to devise a plan for our district's future. I intend to take the lead in having us define a common future and a common course to get us there, based upon our common goal: to provide every student in Avon with an exceptional education.

And, while I have plunged into the meetings and interviews necessary to implement the entry plan I have described, the day-to-day work has continued, full steam ahead. It is both an exciting and a busy time in our Avon Public Schools. And of course, we are completing all of the usual tasks to ready each school to open on August 28. Specialty Bus Company has made available for you your child's bus information by visiting their website: www.infofinder.com/ifi/?cid=STI4DVDGA581. Please revisit the website on the morning of the first day of school for any last minute revisions due to new enrollments.

I look forward to meeting many more of you, and to hearing your perspectives, ideas, and questions. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me at any of the board meetings, at the September PTO meetings I will attend at each of our schools, or any time you see me in town. In addition, I will continue my "Community Chats" at our Avon Free Public Library: the first one for this school year will be Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 3:00 - 4:00PM and upcoming dates will be posted on our website. Of course, you can reach me at 860-404-4701. My door is always open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bridget Heston Carnemolla", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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