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Dear BRSD Staff,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the remaining days of summer. As the new superintendent for Battle River School Division, I am thrilled to welcome everyone back as we move forward into the 2023-24 school year. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all at our division wide professional learning day on Tuesday, August 29th beginning at 9 a.m. at the CRE.

My husband, Leny, and I moved to Camrose at the end of July. We have two adult children, Jae-Ann who is 23 years old, and Leyton who is 21. I am also the very proud grandma of Henry who is 8 and a half months old. Leny and I have spent some time this summer exploring sites in BRSD. I look forward to getting to know our BRSD staff, students and visiting our schools. I will be touring schools this fall.

Our vision, *Every Student, Every Day, a Success,* embodies our commitment to providing an optimal educational experience for each one of our students. With a deep passion for education and a strong focus on nurturing growth, creativity and achievement, I am honoured to be leading our exceptional team of educators and staff members while supporting our dedication to our students' learning.

As we embark on this new school year, I want to assure you that BRSD is devoted to fostering an environment where our students can thrive academically, emotionally and socially. I am truly honoured to be a part of this wonderful school division. I look forward to getting to know our staff while we support and celebrate each moment of student success.

Here's to a fantastic year of *Every Student, Every Day, a Success*! <u>Here</u> is a welcome back to school video message. I appreciate the warm welcome to BRSD.

Take care,

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