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Dear Sandman Family,

We are so excited to get the 2017 – 2018 school year started! District staff have been working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and we are anxious to reveal everything that is new and improved. This school year is going to be full of opportunities for your child to grow both academically and as an individual. Your child will continue to participate in engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in the classroom and participate in events and activities that will assist them in reaching their full potential as young community members. Most importantly, they will learn to be kind, considerate and respectful citizens through various in-school programs and lessons taught by the amazing staff here at Sandman.

Just as last year, the mission of the Lower Township Elementary School District is to provide quality educational programs capable of supporting all learners to achieve. The following district goals remain in place to assure this:

- To foster effective communication and positive relationships with students, parents, staff and the community.
- To increase measures that educate parents and students about the importance of school attendance and its link to student achievement.

To achieve these goals, I encourage families to participate in school events when possible. We can get to know and support each other as we build new friendships and professional relationships. The first opportunity to do so will be at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 14th. On this night, parents/guardians will meet in the classrooms with teachers and learn about grade level curriculum, projects, and expectations.

It is extremely important to me that I have an open line of communication with you the parents/guardians throughout the school year. Communication between Sandman and its families is a vital ingredient in the success of your child. Whatever the reason, please do not hesitate to contact myself, teachers and other school personnel for assistance. If you are on Facebook please follow our page, @sandmanconsolidated, for important school and district related information. In addition, please check Thursday Folders on a weekly basis as they will continue to be sent home.

Finally, it is no secret that excellent student attendance equals success for your child. Schools are most effective in achieving high attendance rates when parents, school leaders and community members work together to focus on keeping kids in school. This is why we have completely rewritten our attendance policy and incorporated strategies you can use as parents/guardians if your child develops an attendance problem. You will find this new policy in the Student-Parent Handbook distributed at the beginning of the school year.

Whether you are just joining the Sandman family or returning, we welcome you back! I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again and it remains an honor and privilege to serve as the Sandman principal. Together, I know we will make this school year one to remember!

With excitement,



Van Cathcart
Principal
Charles W. Sandman Consolidated School