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Interim Superintendent of Schools

C. Lauren Schoen, Ed. D.

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Good afternoon West Orange Parents and Guardians,

Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Interim Superintendent. It is my privilege to serve the West Orange Public Schools and I am honored to lead the West Orange school district as your Interim Superintendent. Having had the time to work side by side with Dr. Cascone since March 1, today I hit the ground running with a wealth of great information. I truly wish Dr. Cascone success in his next position.

As a long time educator and administrator, I recognize that the past couple of years have been demanding and quite unusual. However, I have heard and read about your commitment as parents and guardians to your child's education as you worked hand in hand supporting our district's excellent administrators, teachers, and support staff. It was your sincere and steadfast commitment to your children that prompted me to join the West Orange Public Schools.

It is my genuine hope that we can work closely together to continue supporting the efforts that have made the educational experience for your children meaningful. I am looking forward to this opportunity and to meeting many of you along the way.

Please reach out if I can help in any way, as together we will continue to make the 2021-2022 school year an amazing one for our students. And when you reach out, kindly copy the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes (ehughes@westorangeschools.org), who will help enable me to reply in the most expeditious and timely manner. I welcome the occasion to connect with you.

Sincerely,

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