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Dear Amity School Community,

As I write this letter, I am filled with excitement. I am thrilled to have been selected by the Board of Education to serve as Superintendent of Schools. From my first contact with the Board of Education, I sensed their ability to work together, in a professional manner, to make Amity the best school district possible for students. Now that I have made the move here, I have confirmed my initial impressions. I am confident that the Amity Board of Education is a group of capable, thoughtful and hard working citizens committed to the finest school district possible. I am pleased to be working for such a Board.

My first couple of weeks have been spent getting acquainted with my administrative team, community officials, teachers and students. Soon I will be meeting with parents at upcoming PTSA meetings. As I meet with these key members of the Amity community, I am reviewing practices and initiatives with an eye toward learning first and then using my experience and beliefs to suggest improvements. I have found administrators, teachers and support staff extremely welcoming and responsive.

There are many important and exciting opportunities ahead for the Amity Schools. The integration of grade 9 students into a comprehensive expanded high school and two built as new middle schools, designed to offer a true middle school program and enhanced advanced placement courses at the high school are just a sample of initiatives underway.

Of course, the actual relocation of grade 9 students and teachers to the high school campus and grades 7 and 8 students and staff to the modulars at Bethany and Orange is a big job. A transition committee headed by Ed Goldstone, High School Principal, has met and is monitoring planning activities of building administrators, curriculum leaders and guidance staff.

Mauro Rubbo, our project manager from the Gilbane Company, has been a key member involved in developing the relocation plan. Mr. Rubbo has been involved in nearly a dozen school moves. His knowledge and skill are important to an effective transition.

Once again, let me state how happy I am to have taken the helm of this wonderful school district. I look forward to meeting many of you as we engage in activities together over the course of this school year. I look forward to a stable and productive tenure here.