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Dear Blue Waves School Community,

It is a privilege to join you as Interim Superintendent. Last school year, I had the opportunity to serve as the Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services until April 2023, and continued in the role as a consultant.

In my relatively brief time in Riverhead, I have come to know many of the staff and value the depth of dedication and pride that is a hallmark of the Riverhead School community. There is a culture of caring and commitment that is a defining feature of the district and we must do all we can together to protect and preserve this collective strength. We need to respect each other's contributions, thoughts and differences, and celebrate and embrace the diversity that exists within our schools and community.

Prior to coming to Riverhead, my entire career, 38 years, was spent in the Three Village Central School District. I began as a high school counselor and then held a number of administrative positions before becoming superintendent and retiring in July 2022.

I also take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Marianne Cartisano, who will be serving as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business. Dr. Cartisano has extensive experience and expertise in business administration and for a decade, served as the Miller Place School District Superintendent of Schools.

It is also important to acknowledge and thank Dr. William Galati who recently served as interim superintendent. His leadership has been most valuable and we are grateful for his superlative efforts during this transition.

I recognize that there will be challenges ahead. However, I am ready and excited to be a part of the team, along with the Board of Education, staff, students, parents and community stakeholders, as we work in a collaborative approach to support and address the needs of our students and schools.

With best regards,

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