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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beginning of summer. My hope is that your experiences this summer are filled with much joy and happiness.

In the next couple of weeks, I will begin to make you aware of the plans for the 2014-2015 school year. Specifically, I will be communicating information about the following:

- Changes to schedules at all levels to maximize the use of staffing resources.
- Expansion and improvements to the World Language instruction at all levels.
- The reorganization of the district's technology department with no decrease in services provided to students.
- The expansion of the district's Pre-K program.
- The implementation of a regional services model for identified special education programs.
- Summary of staff changes and introduction of staff new to Avon Public Schools.
- Summary of goals for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Detailed summary of all meetings associated with the Board of Education, its subcommittees as well as all standing district committees.
- Summary of curriculum work scheduled for completion during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Summary of all capital improvement projects being completed at various schools.

Last and certainly not least, a finalist for the Roaring Brook Principal vacancy was interviewed by the Board of Education late last week. Subsequent to this interview, the finalist withdrew his candidacy. This leaves the search and selection process concluding the process with a need to reopen the search. Given this unexpected turn of events, an Interim Principal will be secured to assist us during the 2014-2015 school year as we continue our search for the next Principal.

Again, I wish to thank you for your patience as we managed the myriad of challenges that we encountered in our schools this past year. Among these challenges were implementing a comprehensive curriculum revision process to align with the Common Core State Standards and implementing a newly mandated system to evaluate all district certified staff. As anticipated, our district's staff met and exceeded what was expected from them. I remain very appreciative for how our staff met the challenges associated with the new mandates that impacted every school district in our state and beyond.

Thank you all for your continued support and thank you for the privilege of serving you and your children.

Enjoy a great week. I look forward to communicating with you in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

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