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Dear Chatsworth Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with excitement for the upcoming school year. My name is Dr. Laura Venello, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new superintendent/principal of Chatsworth Elementary School. As I step into this role, I want to take a moment to express my commitment to fostering a strong partnership between our schools and our families, as we work together to support the growth and success of every student

Before joining Chatsworth, I was the director of student supports and preschool in the Somers Point School District. I have also served as building principal and director of special services in other districts for more than 8 years. I spent 10 years in the classroom, with 8 of those years at the middle school level. My educational path is reflective of my belief in life long learning. I have earned master's degrees in elementary education, special education, and educational leadership. I completed my doctoral studies in educational leadership and organizational management at Drexel University.

In our district, we believe that every child is unique, and as educators it is our responsibility to meet our students where they are. This means understanding their individual needs, interests, and strengths and providing them with the resources and support they require to reach their full potential. High expectations drive our mission, but it is the relationships we build that will pave the way for our students' success.

I look forward to becoming part of the Woodland community and learning more about your experiences and aspirations for our school in order to build on the strong traditions that define this community.

The relationship between home and school is crucial to our students' success, and I believe that by working together, we can cultivate a thriving and nurturing educational atmosphere that benefits all students while ensuring they feel valued and empowered to excel.

Thank you for your warm welcome, and I am excited to embark on this journey with you. Let's make this school year a remarkable one for our students!

Warm regards,
Laura Venello, Ed.D.