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Dear Families,

I was delighted to join York Region District School Board in May as Interim Director of Education. Since beginning with the Board, I have been meeting with families, students, staff members and our community partners. I believe it's important to listen and I value these opportunities to hear from people across our system.

The relationships between families and schools is of utmost importance. We share a common goal to give our young people – your children – every opportunity to reach their full potential.

When we work together to meet the needs of our students, we are more likely to succeed in reaching that goal. York Region District School Board values and encourages opportunities to strengthen relationships with families in support of student achievement and well-being.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to support and enrich our school communities. Together with families and community members, our staff are committed to creating safe, nurturing and inclusive environments that enable students to succeed.

I hope that as the school year comes to a close, you have seen evidence of your child's achievements, learning and growth over the past year. Our students work hard throughout the year and this is a good time of year to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments.

Whether your child is involved in one of our summer learning programs or other activities, there are many opportunities to continue learning throughout the summer months. Many of our staff will be working over the summer to support some of those opportunities and to prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in the fall. Thank you for being an important part of our school communities, and I wish you all the best for a happy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wallace

Interim Director of Education

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