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Dear Wallingford-Swarthmore Community,

I hope this letter finds you, your family, and your loved ones in good health and good spirits. Chinese Philosopher Lao-Tzu stated, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Today I completed my first day as the proud Superintendent of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

As with many new opportunities, I was both restless and excited last night in anticipation of this first day. Though it has been some time since the April 12th School Board meeting when the Board voted on my appointment, so much has occurred professionally and personally that I am eager to share with you.

Although I have spent the majority of that time supporting Cheltenham in the transition, I have had numerous opportunities during the last two months to meet with Dr. Palmer and members of her team. I want to thank her for her service, professionalism, and generosity, and I wish her the best in her retirement.

I had several meetings today with members of the administrative team including Ms. Martha Kew our Business Manager. It was not the first time Ms. Kew and I have spoken, but today was the most in-depth conversation we had regarding the district's long-term fiscal health. It was an extremely productive meeting.

As you may be aware, Ms. Kew's last day in the district is July 8th, and though I have not had the long history with her as some of you may have, I do appreciate her taking the time to help me better understand our fiscal realities. I look forward to working with our interim Business Manager, the School Board Directors, administration, faculty, staff, and community members on one of our biggest challenges that impacts all facets of the district.

As we spend the summer preparing for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year and the anticipated return of our students, faculty, and staff, our team is committed to keeping you informed and up to date on the process.

I want to share that my family and I are proud to be new residents of the district and are excited about the opportunity to create deep roots, both personally and professionally. Our daughter Cheyanne will begin her 6th-grade experience as a student at Strath Haven Middle School this fall, and as parents, we are excited about this pivotal transition.

I look forward to getting to know you, and I will be creating opportunities to connect, to learn more about your experiences, and to hear your stories. I hope you enjoy the July 4th weekend as we reflect on, acknowledge, and celebrate 245 years of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Sincerely,

Wagner Marseille, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools