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Dear Caldwell-West Caldwell School Community,

As the summer comes to a close and the school year is quickly approaching, I wanted to send a quick reminder that school starts on **Thursday, September 8th** and share recent updates. We hosted all our new staff during new teacher orientation, which includes elementary, middle, and high teachers, Child Study Team members, a speech specialist, and school counselors. We also welcomed two new administrators to the district, Mr. Thomas Adamo and Mr. Jameel Misbahuddin.

Mr. Adamo is proud to join and lead the team as Principal of Washington Elementary School. Before coming to Caldwell-West Caldwell, he worked in the Montclair Public School District as an elementary assistant principal and as an elementary special education teacher for 13 years. He loves interacting with students and supporting them as they grow and progress academically and socially. Mr. Adamo is married with two daughters. In his free time, he loves being with family and friends, coaching his daughters' softball and soccer teams, reading, watching baseball and football, exercising, and traveling to the Jersey shore beaches.

Mr. Misbahuddin is excited to join Caldwell-West Caldwell Schools as the Director of Secondary Education. He started his career as a math teacher at Edison High School, where he also coached basketball, advised the community service club, and led training on instructional technology. He was the 6-12 Math Supervisor for Leonia Schools and the STEM Supervisor at Columbia High School (CHS) for the South Orange and Maplewood School District. At CHS, he developed several new courses and pathways to college credit. Outside of school, Mr. Misbahuddin is an adjunct professor for Montclair State University and Saint Peter's University. He enjoys spending time with friends and family, cooking, and traveling.

PE & Health Curriculum Committee In response to community feedback, the committee will continue updating and revising the existing curriculum. All drafts, related materials, and videos will be closely reviewed by the K-12 Health and PE staff and administration before being shared with the community. When the full draft is ready for review this fall, a memo will be shared district-wide and include a link to a feedback form to ensure ongoing community engagement and transparency. In addition, each school will hold an evening meeting - separate from Back to School Night - to give parents an opportunity to share additional feedback and ask questions. The adoption of all curricula is contingent upon Board approval at a public Board meeting, which provides the community an additional opportunity to provide feedback and comments. Accordingly, the district will continue to implement the existing PE & Health Curriculum until a new one is approved. Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we navigate the application of the [New Jersey Student Learning Standards \(NJSLS\) for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education \(PE\)](#).

I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled end to the summer break.

Sincerely,

Christopher Conklin

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