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Dear Valley Road School Students and Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Valley Road School, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you back for the 2022-2023 school year!

Stanhope School District takes a proactive approach to educating the whole child, with the mission of providing a diverse and challenging educational environment that encourages individual initiatives, fosters success through teamwork, promotes accountability, and demonstrates a passion for educational excellence. The Stanhope School District is committed to the development of our students, so that individual aspirations can be achieved throughout their lifetime. In accordance with the New Jersey Tiered System of Support (NJTSS) the Stanhope School District is implementing a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) framework of academic and behavioral supports and interventions to improve student achievement. This framework builds on our Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS), Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to meet the academic, behavioral, health, enrichment, and social-emotional needs of all students.

At Valley Road School our “*Chargers Take Charge*” by having *VALUES*, showing *RESPECT* to one another and self, and dedicating time to *SERVICE* by being active citizens in our community. During the 2022-2023 school year we will continue to expand on this with a strengthened school-wide positive behavioral intervention system (PBIS). This program has proven to positively encourage student character choice, self-awareness, management and responsible decision making during everyday interactions within the school setting. We look forward to hosting a few special guests throughout the year in support of our social-emotional learning and mindfulness initiatives, as well as continuing in our monthly fun Friday events and raffles.

Our faculty and staff members have been working diligently this summer to ensure that the school year is a success, and are very excited to see our students as they return refreshed and well rested for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:45 a.m. Student teacher assignments can be found on the Genesis Portal, prior to the first day. Upon students' arrival for the first day of school, our staff will be present in both the hallways and parking lots to ensure that every Valley Road student gets to where they need to be for a successful start to our school year. Students' daily schedules and mandatory forms will be posted in the Genesis parent portal. Free and reduced lunch forms are available on the district website. The Student - Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct, located on the district's website, should be reviewed prior to attendance.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, the main office or me with any questions and/or concerns. Again, a heartfelt and energetically charged welcome back to what is sure to be an amazing 2022-2023 school year!

Best regards,

Alicia L. Finklea-DiCataldo, Principal

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