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Dear Pinewood Families:

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday break with the people who mean the most to you. With the new year comes a change at Pinewood Elementary School.



My name is Jim Hope and I am your new principal at Pinewood. I have heard many great things about Pinewood, and I am very excited to be joining the school community. Previously, I was the Vice-Principal at both Holly and Ladner Elementary Schools and was a teacher at the upper intermediate levels since 1998. I am a resident of South Delta and have my own children attending Delta schools in Grades 6 and 8.

My goal is to have our school be a safe and caring environment where kids are comfortable to be themselves. I will support activities that promote students' academic, social, and emotional growth. I believe strong relationships are important for a school to function effectively. It is important to me to build relationships between the school, students and families which are based upon a foundation of respect for others, honesty, integrity, trust, and compassion. To that end, I am open to phone calls, emails, and scheduled in-person meetings as well as informal chats when I see people outside.

My first impressions of the Pinewood community have been very positive. I have spent my initial time at the school getting to know the staff and students. The kids have been very welcoming, kind, and polite in all my interactions with them. I look forward to getting to meet more parents and caregivers as the days go on and building the relationships that will assist students in reaching their full potential.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Hope
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