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Dear Parents,

In three more weeks, we will be welcoming your student/s back to an exciting new year. I hope you and your families have had some good family time over the summer and are now ready to start anew.

We are excited about introducing our new hires. You will learn more about them in the coming weeks. The process we use to recruit and retain high quality staff has served us well. We make sure that each new employee possesses the skills and disposition to be a good match for Addison Northwest School District which will result in rigorous learning for all students. We provide mentorship and support in the first two years of employment to ensure success.

All schools in the ANWSD are engaged in the process of transitioning our learning and grading practices. Proficiency based learning is the practice of instructing and assessing students based on pre-determined expectations of what the student will know and be able to do. These expectations are written as explicit standards for each class or course. We are also working on the personalization of learning. This means that students are more active in setting personal goals and they have voice and choice in selected learning opportunities. At the high school level, our students have choice to pursue multiple pathways to graduation and take a more active and engaged role in learning. We plan to hold several parental information sessions over the next couple of years to keep you informed so stay tuned.

I want to thank you in advance for the support you provide to your student/s and the partnership you have with our schools. We cannot do this work without you. I am honored to be working in this learning community and look forward to a great school year.

Sincerely yours,

JoAn F. Canning, MA, CAS, Superintendent of Schools