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Dear Beck Middle School Educational Community,

I hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. I am sure that you are ready for the 2017-2018 academic year to begin!

Mr. Dawson will be leaving Beck Middle School. He has accepted a position in the North Brunswick School District, which is where he worked prior to serving as Beck's principal. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his service and in wishing him the best as he returns to his roots in North Brunswick.

As Mr. Dawson departs, I am pleased to announce that I will be asking the Board of Education to appoint Mr. Bernie O'Connor as the interim principal at Beck Middle School for the 2017-2018 academic year. Mr. O'Connor has been an assistant principal at High School East for the past nine years. Previously, he taught history at HS West. Mr. O'Connor is a student centered, compassionate educator who consistently goes the extra step to help children succeed.

The Board of Education will act upon my recommendation to appoint Mr. O'Connor on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, as the interim principal of Beck Middle School, effective October 2, 2017. Mr. Dawson's final day at Beck will be Friday, September 29, 2017.

Mr. O'Connor will schedule a time to meet with parents at Beck early in October. I hope that you will take advantage of this first opportunity to meet Mr. O'Connor. I am confident that you will be impressed by his expertise and his enthusiastic and engaging style of leadership. He is looking forward to working with the Beck students, staff and families, continuing the tradition of success in a closely knit school community.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.
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