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Dear Key Communicator,

Please join me in welcoming Susan Cotton as the new principal for Lakewood Elementary School. Susan will be replacing Amy Staudenraus who will be leaving the district at the end of this school year to take a position with the Burlington Edison School District.

Susan has seventeen years of elementary classroom experience and is well versed in the curricula and assessment for all elementary grades. She is in the process of completing her Administrative Internship at Shuksan Middle School in the Bellingham School District. She is currently serving as a Teacher on Special Assignment with Bellingham Public Schools where she supports teachers in differentiating to meet the needs of all learners. Prior to coming to Bellingham, Susan taught in the Lake Washington, Seattle, and Pasco School Districts.

Susan earned her Bachelor degree from Whitworth University in 1995, and her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Washington in 2000. She is a Nationally Board Certified teacher, earning that honor in 2004. She is in the process of obtaining her Residency Administrator Certificate from Western Washington University.

Susan is strongly committed to the idea that teachers are the biggest influence on a student's growth and is excited to be joining the Lakewood School District where she will serve and support teachers so that they can maximize their positive impact on students.

Susan's first day will be July 1st. Please join me in welcoming her to Lakewood School District.

Thanks for your continued support!

Mike

Michael P. Mack, PhD

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