



Bellmoore Elementary School

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Dear Bellmoore Community,

It is with mixed emotion that I announce that my time as Principal of Bellmoore Elementary School will conclude on December 2nd, 2022. I am pleased to announce that your incoming Principal is Mrs. Milinovich. She has a vast experience and expertise supporting educators and students, across the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board as well as the Ministry of Education. I know that each of you will warmly welcome Mrs. Milinovich into the Binbrook Community.

I was presented with an opportunity to become the Principal of Millgrove Elementary School. This is a new and exciting adventure for me, as an educational leader. I feel honoured to have a full circle moment in my career, as I return to a smaller rural community within the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, serving a Kindergarten to Grade 5 student population.

Before leaving the Bellmoore Community, it is important for me to acknowledge a number of stakeholders:

To my parents, guardians, and family members, including our committed School Council members and volunteers, thank you for your endless support, advocacy, patience and understanding. We have partnered and collaborated, sharing our values and modelling positive citizenship during unprecedented times to support our children. Together, we have navigated a pandemic in the largest elementary school within HWDSB, and we did it and are still doing it, as we transition into a complicated world together because our common goal has always been to make the world a better place for our families and the next generation of learners.

To my students and alumni, thank you for your positivity, leadership and resilience. You have transitioned from in-class learning to on-line learning a few times. You have accepted the challenges that come with social distancing, healthy hygiene practices and cohorting – each time with ease, acceptance and kindness. It has been a pleasure to support you in loving your school and placing a high priority on learning, both socially and academically. I have valued your student voice and am excited for all of you as you navigate the future with the following in place: Student Council, Student Athletics, Technology and Robotics, Eco-Team, Student Senate and a musicale – Seussical, just to name a few. Just know that I am cheering you all on as you continue to find your passions and aspirations in life.

To my staff and community partners, I wish to publicly share a message of gratitude to all of the educators and community partners, including our Administration Staff, Office Staff, Facilities Staff and Daycare Staff. Supporting the Bellmoore Team, in a challenging world for over three and a half years, has allowed relationships to deepen and flourish both personally and professionally. Seeing educators demonstrate for our students and fellow staff members' flexibility and resilience has been admirable and noteworthy. Making learning a priority, specifically in all academic areas with a heightened focus on 21st Century Fluencies, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Physical Literacy, Musical Literacy, and the role of Caring Adult always has been a pleasure to facilitate witness and celebrate.

Thank you for the rich and *joyful* opportunity of being a part of the Bellmoore School and Binbrook Community. I carry with me so many fond memories and hope to remain in touch with many of you, formally and informally, in the years ahead. Wishing each and everyone of you the very best – health and happiness always.

Respectfully and with Joy,

Mrs. P. Mochrie
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Principal

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