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Dear Parents –

It is hard to believe that it is July! I am both excited and thrilled that I will be continuing to work as a team with the students, staff, and administration as the Associate Principal of BRMS for the 2008-2009 school year. For those of you who I have not had the fortune of working with or who are new to our community, *PLEASE* take a moment to introduce yourself if you are near or in the building.

There are many roles that I have enjoyed in this District. After I graduated from the University of Illinois, my career began as the general music/choir director at Burr Ridge Middle School and for a while at Anne M Jeans. I directed the first boy's choir with Ms. Carol Collins and choreographed numbers for the extra-curricular group Sensations. I completed a master's degree in curriculum and instruction through National-Louis University. At BRMS, I continued teaching music/choir and added 7th/8th grade reading to my schedule. Almost 5 years ago, I had the opportunity to move into the position as the lead teacher in the BIC (Behavior Improvement Center) room at BRMS. In August of 2008, I will have completed my second master's degree in administration through Governor's State University. I have been privileged to be in the District for 18 years.

As the Associate Principal of Burr Ridge Middle School, I am eager to make positive contributions to improving student achievement by working closely with the curriculum coordinator to align curriculum with the vision of the District's goals for student learning. Becoming proficient with AIMES web, implementing Tier 1, 2, and 3 for Response to Intervention, and meeting AYP are goals for next year. I will continue fostering a positive climate at the middle school by facilitating collaboration with staff, continuing to implement PBIS, and working to provide an environment for students that is physically and emotionally safe. I am thankful for this new opportunity in the District and look forward to serving the needs of all of our students and celebrating the future successes of our students and staff.

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Sincerely,
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