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Dear Lincoln-Sudbury parents and guardians:

Early summer greetings. I hope that you are enjoying the change of pace with your children, family and friends over this summer, which so far at times has been a bit hot and a bit rainy, but a welcome change nonetheless.

Here at the high school, things are quiet yet busy. Over the last two weeks, I met with the new Superintendent/Principal and the administrators, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Student Services.

I write to you today to highlight change in administrative positions and faculty at the high school, yet also what marks the essence of Lincoln-Sudbury, what remains constant.

We have a new interim Superintendent/Principal, Bella Wong – who has been a teacher, a school committee member and an administrator in three different high performing school districts, including Lincoln-Sudbury. There is the new Director of Finance and Operations, Glenn Fratto – who brings with him a wealth of experience in municipal and school finance and operations. Ginny Blake is our new Curriculum Coordinator, having been a stellar math teacher and department coordinator at L-S. Aida Ramos is our new Director of Student Services, with similar experience in Cambridge and Boston Public Schools. Jason Medeiros, a former English teacher and half-time Housemaster, assumes the full role as the North Housemaster. Finally, we are recruiting wonderful new teachers and staff, some to succeed retiring or transitioning faculty, some to help the District maintain level services in face of increased enrollment in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

In times of transition, what usually serves us well are shared values that stay constant and anchor us. For L-S, I see two anchors, both based on doing what is best for our children's education. One is the institutional ethos that speaks to the core mission of L-S that is shared by you the parents, the community, the school committee and the staff. That has not changed. The other is the continuity of purpose offered by our excellent teachers and staff.

Before I introduce Bella Wong to you in a fuller manner, I want to thank our former Superintendent/Principal Scott Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter served L-S for thirteen years with dedication, hard work and integrity as an assistant to the Superintendent, North Housemaster, interim and regular Superintendent/Principal. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well.

Bella Wong, as I said earlier, is no stranger to school districts that value excellence. She graduated from Harvard a biology major, studied molecular biology in graduate school at

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Stanford, earned a law degree from University of California at Davis School of Law, and a Master's degree from Harvard's Graduate School of Education. She started her educational career at L-S as a science teacher. The LS School Committee is impressed by her commitment to education of high quality, her care and concern for all students, and the unique point of view she obtained after serving as a teacher and through her experiences as a school committee member and an administrator.

Ms. Wong was the Superintendent of the Wellesley Public Schools for 5 years and Assistant Superintendent for 6 years. Prior to working in Wellesley, she taught science at L-S, served as the Science Department Coordinator and President of the Teacher's Association. She has also served three years as a member of the Weston School Committee and one year on the Minuteman Regional High School Committee. She practiced as a corporate attorney prior to entering the field of education.

We are looking forward to a strong, successful and busy year ahead with the help of our new administrators and our returning faculty and staff – and in no small measure, due to your commitment to the excellence of L-S – all with a single minded mission to do what is best for our children.

Wishing you a good summer.

Regards.

- Radha Gargeya