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Dear Stamford Community,

My name is Micah Hayre and I am happy to introduce myself as 2017-2018 Principal of Stamford Elementary School! It is such an honor to join this community; I have heard nothing but wonderful things about the support this community gives to its school. On a personal note, I have been married for 9 wonderful years to my beautiful wife, Danielle. She and I have two young children; my daughter, Jaydan is 6 years old this summer and my son, Jethro is 4 years old this summer. I served six years in the Army National Guard as a Satellite Communications Specialist before I realized that I wanted to make education a career choice for me and my family. I have taught fifth grade and middle school math in both Florida and Vermont. For the past three years, I have been pursuing Vermont administration. Something of interest is that I am a passionate learner and avid researcher of child development and learning.

My educational philosophy is personalized learning. In other words, what can I do to help encourage student passions? If we can engage the mind of the student, then the student can fulfill his or her academic potential. Before learning can happen, safety and health must be a number one priority for all faculty and staff at Stamford Elementary. Please rest assured that the well-being of the children at Stamford will always come first in all decision making!

I am so excited to begin working with the children and teachers of Stamford Elementary School. This letter is more than just a formality, it is a plea for *your* help as a community member. As the old African Proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." Let me be so bold as to say "It takes a village to raise an intellectual child." Therefore, please show your support to the children of Stamford by visiting our school, sharing your trade, and being present in the lives of our future generations. Together- WE will continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities and academic excellence for all of our students.

As part of my regular routine once school begins, you will find me out and about on campus during morning arrivals, afternoon dismissals, and throughout the day. I look forward to the opportunity to meet and begin my relationship with the students, staff, and families of the Stamford Elementary School community. I can be reached via email at [mhayre@stamfordelementary.com](mailto:mhayre@stamfordelementary.com) or just stop by to introduce yourself any time as my door is always open to you. Please also take the time to sign up for important school community announcements via Remind. Simply text [@stamford12](https://www.remind101.com/join/@stamford12) to [81010](https://www.remind101.com/join/81010) for text announcements or go to [rmd.at/stamford12](https://www.remind101.com/join/rmd.at/stamford12) to sign up for email notifications.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to a Back to School Potluck Picnic on Tuesday, August 29 at 5pm. The picnic will be on the back lawn of the school or inside the gymnasium (rain location).

Again, I look forward to meeting you soon.

Warm regards,

*Micah Hayre*

Stamford Principal