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Dear Marshall Families,

Welcome back! The opening of school is quickly approaching. I hope you and your family enjoyed a relaxing and fun filled summer. This is certainly a historical time in education for families and staff. Who would have ever imagined that physical classrooms would be empty on the first day of school? We all need to remember that what is closed is the building, not school. Education will still take place. We are excited to begin the 2020 school year with all the new learning and skills for supporting families and students online. We know that there will be bumps in the road, but we are excited to partner with families in supporting our students through this unique learning experience.

I am very excited and honored to be serving as Principal of Marshall Elementary this year. This marks the beginning of my 30th year in education and my 3rd year as part of the Marysville School District. I will share more personal information at a later date. I am anxious to get to know each and every one of the students. The staff has shared that Marshall Elementary really is “the happiest place on earth”. One thing I can tell you is that this staff is amazing. All of our conversations over the summer have been on a positive note and how we can do what is necessary for all of our students.

Hello everyone! My name is Patty Allen and I am honored to have the opportunity to co-lead with Joan Robertson-Landi at a school with such rich traditions that has produced so many outstanding students. I have been in education for 17 years and this will begin my 3rd year as an assistant principal in Marysville. The past two years I was the assistant principal at Allen Creek and Sunnyside Elementaries. During these past few weeks, I have had many interactions with parents and staff. From these conversations, it is clear that our staff and community work to provide the best possible experience for our students.

Our staff has been very busy preparing for September. Staff have attended many professional development days. Training has focused on social emotional learning, distance learning and essential standards. This will be put to use as we delve into Continuous Learning 2.0. To find out more about the Continuous Learning 2.0 you can visit the district website (<https://www.ms25.org/site/default.aspx>) for more information.

Here is a brief description of the overall plan for the first few days of school...

September 3	Message coming from your student’s classroom teacher.
September 9	First day of school - Teacher and Family Connection times.
September 10	Teacher and Family Connection times.
September 11	Teacher and Family connections. “Marshall Materials Pick-up” (Information to come later)

- Family Connection Times will be set up through teacher contact on September 3rd.
- During Pick-up on Friday, September 11th (a schedule will be coming out for each grade level of the time for distribution), 3rd-5th grade students will be able to pick up a chromebook if they do not already have one. K-2 distribution will be scheduled later as we wait for the computers to be delivered.

We know there are many questions that may not be answered, but please reach out and let us know how we can make this experience the best possible. Enjoy the last few days of summer and remember...”We are in this together!”

Joan Robertson Landi, Principal
Patty Allen, Assistant Principal