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Dear Families,

Welcome to fourth grade!! My name is Mr. Agress, and I look forward to teaching your student this year. Some of you may not know me, so I'll give you a little background. For the past five years I was one of the literacy coaches at JBS. Prior to that, I taught fourth grade at Mary T. Murphy school in Branford for eight years. I am very excited to be back in the classroom this year working with your students, many of whom I know from my role as a coach over the past several years.

While this school year may look different from previous ones, I want to assure you that our goals remain the same. Academically, we will continue to develop our skills as readers, writers and mathematicians. I will support students as they devise plans on how to approach classwork, hone their analytical skills and develop their ability to communicate their ideas. Additionally, we will work together to create a community: a community of learners, a community of colleagues and, hopefully, a community of friends. In developing this community we can strive to better ensure that students feel a level of trust and respect that will allow them to succeed at their greatest level.

Finally, please have your student wear a mask to school and bring an extra in a ziplock bag. Also, your student should bring a water bottle to school.

I look forward to working with you and your student this year.

Best regards,

Michael Agress