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Dear St. Francis of Assisi School Families:

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you enjoying the summer break and this beautiful weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my excitement about my recent appointment as the new principal at St. Francis of Assisi. I am most fortunate and honored to have been selected the principal of such an extraordinary faith-filled school community.

My official first day began on August 1<sup>st</sup> and for the last two days I have had the great pleasure of meeting and working with Mrs. DeBenedictis to ensure that a smooth transition of leadership takes place for our students, faculty and families. Yesterday, I announced my appointment to our dedicated staff and I look forward to working with them as we continue our mission in providing our students with the best Catholic education possible.

I am certainly no stranger to the St. Francis of Assisi School community given that nearly five years ago I chaired your school's New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation.

I reside in Taunton, MA with my wife, Linda and daughter, Kristen. Professionally, my entire career as both an educator and administrator has taken place within Catholic school institutions. I began as an educator at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover, MA and for the last sixteen years, I have served as the principal of St. Mary's Primary School in Taunton, MA, where I have created and fostered a faith community where all are treated with dignity and respect within a safe, welcoming, caring and Christ-like learning environment; ensured a school culture that encourages life-long learning for all students and staff members; demonstrated success in effectively articulating a vision that reflects students' needs for academic achievement through strategic planning, curriculum and program development.

I thank you in advance for welcoming me as a part of this great school community and I look forward to meeting all of you in the very near future.

God bless,

Brian M. Cote, C.A.G.S.  
Principal