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Dear Stone Family,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter as the new principal of Stone Academy. It is a distinct honor to take on this role that I've been preparing for my entire career, and it means even more to be the principal of Stone, where I have spent the last seven years as the assistant principal. During this time, I've had the chance to learn what makes Stone such a wonderful place to learn and grow. It is the partnership of parents and faculty, a commitment to education, and a celebration of our global background that make Stone an exemplar school. Our students, your children, commit themselves to academic success every day while preparing to be actively engaged citizens of a changing world.

Along with the teachers and staff, I am committed to continuing Stone's tradition of academic success and the commitment to the arts. We will continue to be a school that encourages students to stretch themselves in order to discover how capable they truly are. As a Scholastic Academy, we will continue to integrate instruction across the curriculum, enabling students to make strong and rich connections across content areas.

This year we plan to emphasize the importance of making curricular connections, introduce a new Science curriculum in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, and implement an advisory period in the middle school. It is through these practices that we will continue along Stone's path to excellence. I'm excited to meet with parents and community members in the weeks ahead. I encourage you to become involved in our many parent organizations. Please be sure to attend upcoming PTA, Friends of Stone Academy (FOSA), and Local School Council meetings. Consult the school calendar on our website for dates and times.

I look forward to the great year ahead of us and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Jay Brandon