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Dear Baldwin Family:

I am pleased to announce that after an extensive search, the Board of Education appointed Mr. James Robinson, Dr. Neil Testa, and Mr. Unal Karakas, starting July 1, 2019.

Mr. James Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Administrative Services

Mr. James Robinson started his career as a manager for ABC television network and as a co-founder and President of several technology/ financial start-up companies. He later served as the Director of Facilities & Operations and Executive Director of Business at the Freeport Union Free School District, as Assistant Superintendent for Business for East Rockaway and Westbury Schools, and Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services for Nassau BOCES.

He is described as smart, personable, entrepreneurial, trustworthy and loyal. He has a vast amount of experience both in the business office and in buildings and grounds. He is very excited to join our Baldwin community and we are very happy to welcome him.

Dr. Neil Testa, Principal, Baldwin High School

Dr. Testa has served as an Assistant Principal of Calhoun High School for the past 5 years. Prior to his current position, he taught as a social studies teacher in West Hempstead High School, where he was also adored. His impressive background as an educator, coupled with his drive and excellent leadership skills, will be an asset to the district, helping our high school continue on its path to excellence.

Dr. Testa is excited to meet and become acquainted with our students, parents, faculty and staff, as well as the Baldwin community. He is thrilled about the innovative programs Baldwin High School currently offers and looks forward to expanding these opportunities even further. Dr. Testa has been described as smart, mature, professional, fair, confident in his decisions, excellent with parents and students, collaborative, instructionally strong, a team player and highly respected by all. He has a great sense of humor and a wonderful relationship with students, parents, and staff. I am confident he will fit right into our Baldwin family.

We are Innovative...We are Inclusive...We are Involved...We are Baldwin!

Mr. Unal Karakas, Principal, Brookside Elementary School

Mr. Karakas is an exceptional educator and leader who has brought Teachers' College Readers and Writers Workshop, a balanced literacy approach, to his current school with exceptional results. He is well versed in outstanding math education and STEAM. He is currently Principal of P.S. 195X in the Bronx where he serves 900 students and has had tremendous success. Prior to serving as Principal, Mr. Karakas was an elementary teacher in P.S. 150Q, Sunnyside Queens.

Mr. Karakas has already met the students, faculty and staff of Brookside. They gave him a very warm welcome! He is described to be smart, collaborative, kind, has great relationships with parents, students and staff, and is very well liked.

I know you will give our newest administrators a very warm Baldwin welcome.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shari L. Camhi". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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