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Dear Baldwin Families,

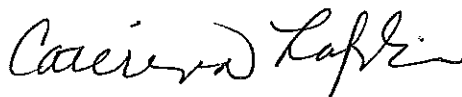
I hope that this correspondence finds you well and enjoying a well-deserved summer vacation. I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself and share with you my hopes and goals for the upcoming academic year. My name is Caterina Lafergola and I am the newly appointed Principal at Baldwin High School. I am proud to assume this very important role in our Baldwin community, one that has a rich history of academic excellence. My nearly 17 years of educational experience spanning grades 7 – 12, which includes a progressive high school, a large 7-12 school in Suffolk County, and a middle school in one of the few Central High School districts in Nassau County, has given me a wealth of experiences which I am proud to bring to the greater Baldwin community.

I look forward to developing relationships with students, faculty, staff, families, and community residents, because I strongly believe that excellent schools are anchored in strong relationships. These relationships will also support me in achieving my primary goals for the 2016-2017 academic year. Those goals are as follows: to ensure that every student at Baldwin High School has access to a quality education that supports his or her academic and socio-emotional development; to create three advisory committees, comprised of faculty and support staff, students and families, that will be the backbone of creating and sustaining open lines of communication, an important element in nurturing and sustaining academic excellence and socio-emotional well-being across our learning community; to ensure that the Baldwin community comes to know me as an accessible resource for instructional and socio-emotional support; and to learn as much as possible about the people and programs that make Baldwin High School an amazing school in which to learn and plan for the future. In the process, my hope is that the Baldwin community will learn more about who I am, both professionally and personally.

Education is my passion. I consider it a privilege to work with young people and take part in their development. To that end, I consider collaborating with families one of my most important tasks. As such, I invite families to visit me throughout the summer to share your hopes and communicate your desires for the upcoming academic year. I will have office hours from July 18-21, July 26-28, August 2-4, and August 10-11. To ensure that I am in my office when you arrive, please call 516-434-6101 to schedule an appointment. In addition, my first monthly Saturday Coffee Talk is scheduled for September 10, 2016 at 11AM. The goal of these meetings will be for us to learn about one another and to help me gain a broader understanding of the wonderful things that make Baldwin High School a great learning community.

In closing, I look forward to working with each of you in support of your child/children, and I have no doubt in my mind that we will have a successful academic year.

Warmly,



Caterina Lafergola
Principal

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