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Dear SAHS students and families,

I hope this letter finds each of everyone rested, rejuvenated, and ready for another great year here at Skowhegan Area High School. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jason Bellerose, Principal of Skowhegan Area High School. This will be my first year as building principal following Mr. Mochamer's departure this spring. Before becoming building principal, I served SAHS for six years as one of our building's assistant principals, was principal of Mt. Blue Middle School, and taught social studies for sixteen years at Skowhegan Area Middle School. To say I am honored to serve our community as principal of our high school is an understatement.

Soon after school ended, Mr. Vigue left Skowhegan Area High School to take a position closer to his family. Please join me in wishing Mr. Mochamer and Mr. Vigue nothing but the best in their new endeavors. Joining me in the office this year will be two new assistant principals, Mr. Ryan Libby, and Mr. Dylan Engler. Mr. Libby is a graduate of Skowhegan Area High School, was one of our school's longtime math teachers, and was our football coach. Mr. Engler is also a graduate of SAHS and comes from a diverse background working in special purpose private schools, charter schools, and has been the Director of Alternative Education for MSAD #54 for the past four years.

The administrative team would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that communication and being an active participant in one's learning is vitally important to student success at the high school level. We at Skowhegan Area High School believe that making mistakes is a natural part of the learning process. We expect our students to need help, suffer setbacks, and communicate with us when they need assistance. That means we welcome our students to speak with us if they don't understand something or are in need of support – we are here for our students. Success at the high school is directly tied to key attributes and practices: being resilient or being able to rebound after a setback, being engaged during class time, using your time wisely, checking your grades in PowerSchool regularly, being a productive, kind, and positive member of our student body, and having good attendance and being to school on time. We encourage our students to be in school as much as possible; a missed day of school is a missed day of instruction. Also, we would encourage parents and students to review our SAHS Student Handbook which can be found on our school's webpage. Updates have been made to sections regarding student tardiness to class and school, how to earn an academic letter, and our school's remediation practices. Finally, please know that a list of back-to-school supplies can also be found on the SAHS homepage.

It is truly a privilege to be part of a community that values education so highly; a community where parents, teachers, and students respect one another, value one another, and work together to build the positive relationships that support social growth and academic excellence. Always remember that we are here for you and are committed to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Skowhegan Area High School's Administrative Team