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Dear Miller Place School District Community,

With Mr. Seth Lipshie, our Deputy Superintendent, assuming the position of Superintendent of Schools starting July 1, there are several other organizational changes that we will be making for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Chris Herrschaft, our current Principal of Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School (LADSBS) will become the district's Director of Human Resources, replacing Mr. Lipshie. Mr. Joseph Zito, the current Assistant Principal at LADSBS, will move up to that school's Principal position. Taking over as Assistant Principal at LADSBS will be Nicole Farley, our current Dean of Students at North Country Road Middle School (NCRMS).

These are exciting changes that will bring individuals with a wealth of experience and great energy to their new positions. Most important, each of these outstanding educators has years of experience in the Miller Place School District. In fact, combined, Mr. Herrschaft, Mr. Zito and Ms. Farley represent over fifty years in either teaching or administrative roles in Miller Place.

Chris Herrschaft is a Miller Place High School graduate and always dreamt of coming back to his hometown to teach. He realized that dream in 2007 when he was hired as a high school business teacher. For the next eight years, in addition to teaching business, Mr. Herrschaft coached Varsity Basketball, Varsity Soccer and JV Baseball. In 2015, Mr. Herrschaft was appointed Dean of Students at Miller Place High School, and in 2016, he was promoted again to Assistant Principal at NCRMS. Mr. Herrschaft was named Principal of LADSBS in 2019. His steady leadership was critical in helping LADSBS students and parents successfully navigate these past two pandemic-challenged years.

As Assistant Principal at LADSBS for the past four years, Joe Zito has earned the respect and has developed a close relationship with the school's student population, parents, and staff. This will be a huge plus in helping to ensure a seamless transition when Mr. Zito takes over as Principal in July. In addition to his current administrative position, Mr. Zito has served as Dean of Students at NCRMS and taught English at both Miller Place High School and NCRMS. Mr. Zito brings over two decades in education to his new position as Principal at LADSBS, including over 10 years in early childhood development.

Nicole Farley has been with the Miller Place School District since 2008, when she was first hired as a Special Education teacher. She served in that capacity until 2020, when she was appointed Dean of Students at NCRMS. Throughout her years at NCRMS, Ms. Farley has served as a coach, club advisor and an active member of NCRMS School Improvement Team. In addition to her time as Dean of Students, Ms. Farley's administrative experience includes serving as Principal of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' Regional Summer Program. Ms. Farley's 14 years in the district will serve her well in her new role as Assistant Principal at LADSBS.

On behalf of the Board of Education, our central administrative team, and the entire Miller Place School District faculty and staff, I invite you to join with us in wishing these three exceptional individuals a heartfelt congratulations for their well-deserved promotions.

Sincerely,

Miller Place School District Board of Education