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Dear Edmunds Community Members:

This is to follow up on the recent announcements regarding the Burlington School District administrative reorganization. As you may already know from media reports, the District has presented a number of proposed administrative changes to the Burlington School Board. I want to explain how these changes will affect Edmunds Elementary and Middle Schools.

Most significant, the leadership model at the Edmunds campus will be consolidated. Current EMS Principal Bonnie Johnson-Aten will move to the newly-created position of Lead Principal of School Support, Innovation and Special Assignments for the entire Burlington School District. This position will support schools with alignment of programming, working with new school administrators, exploration of innovative opportunities, middle school review and special projects in the District.

Dr. Shelley Mathias will oversee the Edmunds campus as the Principal, with assistance from Thom Fleury at the elementary level and Katherine Grykien at the middle level. At this point, this is not a K-8 school. The initial task of the new leadership team (Bonnie Johnson-Aten will assist with the transition through the fall) is to seek greater coordination and cooperation in utilizing space, explore opportunities for enhancing programs, share resources and collaborate across the entire complex. The new administrative structure will assist in this task.

In the upcoming year, we will operate as we always have, as two separate schools.

Dr. Mathias will provide oversight at both schools. Additionally, she will act as liaison for both building level administrators at the district and state level, freeing up Mrs. Grykien, at the middle level and Mr. Fleury, at the elementary level to attend to daily operations of each school. Decisions will generally be made at the building level in consultation with Dr. Mathias, when necessary.

There will be a meeting on **May 16, 2016 at 6:30** in the Edmunds cafeteria to address some of the questions you may have about this exciting opportunity. Looking ahead, our intention is to work with all the stakeholders in order to continue the great work that has been the hallmark of both schools.

Dr. Yaw Obeng  
Superintendent of Schools

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