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Dear Members of the MPSD Community,

I am excited to inform you that Ms. Sara MacNeil has been named the next Principal of the Daniel Webster School. Ms. MacNeil will replace Principal Daniel Sylvestre who announced earlier this spring that he will be stepping down from his position at the end of June. I want to thank Mr. Sylvestre for his tireless and dedicated service to the DWS community over the past three years.

Ms. MacNeil, a Marshfield resident, has a strong instructional and administrative background and has worked the last 14 years in the Milton Public School District. Prior to her tenure in Milton, she spent time teaching in the Woburn and Chelsea public schools.

Most recently, Ms. MacNeil has spent the last four years as Assistant Principal and Curriculum Coordinator at the Glover Elementary School, where she oversees 600 students and over fifty staff members. In that role, she has been able to hone her administrative skills while staying involved in the teaching and learning of the curriculum. Among her many responsibilities, she plans, organizes and coordinates professional development for teachers and staff. She also has shared responsibility in overseeing and evaluating staff, along with monitoring the progress of the Glover students.

Before becoming Assistant Principal & Curriculum Coordinator, she spent a year as the Special Education Team Chair at the Glover School. Prior to that, she worked as a Grade 5 Classroom Teacher for two years. During her first seven years in Milton, Ms. MacNeil was a Special Education Teacher working in a grade 5 co-teaching model.

Ms. MacNeil has a BA in Elementary & Special Education from Providence College. She also earned a Masters of Education from Simmons College and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Lesley University in Curriculum & Instruction in Mathematics. Over her time in Milton, she has also completed additional coursework at Endicott College and Cambridge College.

I would like to thank the Principal Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Ellen Martin, for their hard work and attention to detail throughout this process. The committee screened a number of talented candidates from across the Commonwealth and they were overwhelming in their support of bringing forward Ms. MacNeil as a finalist. The members of the Search Committee were: School Committee member Lara Brait, MES Principal Jill Cotreau, FBMS Principal Maureen Kemmett, DWS Educator & Staff members, Jennifer Jackson, Jane Redman and Mike Fish. They were joined by DWS parents, Alison McGrath & Amy Carey, along with the District's Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel, Amy Scolaro.

Ms. MacNeil is excited to join our team and is scheduled to begin her new position at the beginning of July.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Granatino
Superintendent