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Dear Bellport Middle School Community,

Hopefully, this letter finds you all enjoying the best of summer with your family and friends! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at Bellport Middle School. For the past 15 years, I've dedicated my time to children in a 7th-12th grade junior/senior high school building in western Nassau County. Throughout my time there, I was fortunate enough to be a part of a terrific team of educators whom all shared the same belief, that Every Child Can Learn and Will Learn! It was with this core belief, that we collectively were able to garner several national recognitions for our students, namely, the Schott Foundation Award, membership to the AP College Board-Honor Roll, and recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

During my tenure, I was a valued member of the Social Studies department, teaching Advanced Placement, Regents, and elective classes alike. I co-chaired the committee on alternative discipline and the committee on lateness and hallway concerns. Additionally, I assisted in the development of Academic Improvement Plans for students in need of academic support, as well as presented several staff developments in various turn-key opportunities.

Formally, I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in secondary education and a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education with a minor in History, both from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y. In addition, I have a Master of Science degree in School Administration and School Leadership from Touro College in New York, N.Y.

I openly welcome my office, to each and every one of you, to form a collaborative, team effort, in educating our middle school students. As most of you are aware, middle school is a very critical time in a child's life and it is imperative that we, as adults and role models, come together to create Success for All Students!

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting the Bellport Middle School Community!

Best Regards,

Joe Watson
Assistant Principal
Bellport Middle School