



## *Burr Elementary School*

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Dear Burr Elementary Staff:

I hope you are all enjoying the start of a wonderful summer break. It is with great pride and excitement that I am writing this letter of introduction to you. I am Jeanne Poleski and I am extremely honored to have been appointed as the Principal of Burr Elementary School. I enter this position with 25 years in the field of education with 13 years in South Lake Schools and 12 years in the East Detroit Schools. Besides my last 16 years as an elementary school principal, my experience also includes that of a classroom teacher, school counselor and a District K-12 Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator. I now look forward to working with the Burr community of learners to continue your fine tradition of educational excellence.

As a lifelong learner, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, a Master's Degree in School Guidance Counseling, an Elementary Teaching Certificate, a Secondary Teaching Certificate, and a Certificate in School Administration; all from Wayne State University. I continue to take courses at WSU, currently in Instructional Technology. Learning is my passion and my hobby.

As an educator, I know the importance of getting to know the new principal of the school in which you work. My proudest role is that of a mother to Carolyn (who just completed her freshman year at Michigan State University; Go Green!), Christopher (who is 16 and driving for the first time), and Catherine (who just finished sixth grade). Now that my husband, Lech, and I no longer have elementary aged children, I am even more excited to be surrounded by elementary children every day at Burr! It is amazing how quickly the elementary years go by.

My primary goal at Burr is to offer the highest quality education to our students in a safe and respectful environment and I recognize that this cannot be accomplished without the help and support of all of our school staff, families, and the community. I look forward to serving you, the students, and families of Utica Community Schools as we work together in this effort. I eagerly anticipate meeting you and look forward to building strong partnerships to enhance the educational opportunities and the academic achievement of our students.

I believe in an open door policy and welcome you to stop by and introduce yourself and will always make myself available to address any issues, concerns, suggestions, or feedback that you have. I will share some specific days and times in August for opportunities for us to meet and greet. I can be reached at any time on my home phone (586-777-7209). I look forward to learning from you, working with you, and supporting you as you continue to set and achieve high expectations for all students. In the meantime, I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer. Go Bulldogs!

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeanne Poleski'.

Mrs. Jeanne Poleski  
Principal, Burr Elementary