Dear Lake Tahoe School Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year and the 20th Anniversary of Lake Tahoe School! You are part of a very exciting educational environment, and the stafulty and I look forward to working with you in the year to come. If you are new to our community, we are delighted you are joining us and hope you feel at home immediately. Returning families, we look forward to reconnecting and witnessing how much your children have inevitably grown this summer.

As you may have noticed, the campus expansion work that we anticipated this summer has not begun. Anyone who has attempted to build in the Tahoe Basin undoubtedly understands, first hand, that the process of approvals frequently takes much longer than anticipated. We remain deeply excited about our future plans, about which you will hear much more as the year progresses.

Undeterred by anything, our stafulty gathers next week for a series of in-service meetings, time to prepare their classrooms for your children, and some thoughtful conversations about the year before us. I am delighted by the additions to our already-strong educational team:

* Eileen May, Business Manager
* Barb Ellis, Music Teacher
* Benjamin Storrud, Lower School Science Teacher
* Lee Waterhouse, 7th & 8th Grade Humanities Teacher
* Sarah Williams, PreK Teacher

Please check their bios on the LTS webpage for more detailed information about each. When I hire folks, I look at four things very closely: expertise/experience, work ethic, integrity, and sense of humor. All five new folks embody those qualities. Please do find a time to introduce yourselves.

You should have received an invitation to the barbecue on Friday, August 18th, from 4:00 – 7:00. If not, please contact Karen Laurie for details. We will be gathering at Preston Field this year. Classrooms will be open and teachers ready to welcome your children from 1:00 to 3:00 that same day, should you wish to give them a little time to become familiar with their new spaces.

Classes begin bright and early Monday morning, August 21st. Middle school students may arrive starting at 7:45 and need to be in seats and ready to go by 8:00. For lower school, drop off begins at 8:00, and everyone should be in place by 8:15. PreK begins at 8:30. Please do help your children on a daily basis by having them at school on time.

Each year holds special promise and possibilities, and this one will be no different. For me, personally, this year will be particularly memorable. As most of you are already aware, I will retire at the end of June, drawing to a close forty-six years as an educator. I could not wish for a better spot to celebrate a career that has been exceptionally fulfilling. I look forward to sharing what I know will be The Best Year Yet with you.

Warm Regards,

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Head of School