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Dear Panorama Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Jeremy Mortensen. I am honored and privileged to mark this as my second year as principal of Panorama Elementary School. Last year was such a remarkable year to be a Panther and our families truly lived up to the reputation of academic success, filled with positive, polite, and enthusiastic students wanting to learn with the most supportive parents/guardians I have had the privilege of working with. Moreover, Panorama has such a dedicated, professional, and caring staff who are committed to providing our students with an exceptional education. I look forward to working with everyone to provide yet another year of excellence!

At Panorama, we have many volunteer opportunities for our families to get involved. This includes anything from joining our PTA and/or School Site Council to working in your child's classroom as a volunteer or as a room parent.

I would like to encourage each parent, guardian and/or supporter to stay active in your child's education. I certainly realize that many of you lead busy lives, and it is often difficult to volunteer at school. However, any time you have to dedicate to our school and programs, it would be greatly appreciated by our staff, and ultimately, by our students. Another way you could help is at home. By taking just a few minutes in the evening to read to your child, talk with your child about school, or simply see that your child is organized for the next school day, it will have great benefits. When the family is involved in their children's school, children benefit, schools benefit, and families benefit.

This year marks our fourth full year of implementation of the Common Core State Standards. This year, we will again have data from our SBAC testing to analyze and guide our instruction so that we stay at the forefront of 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning with rigor and an emphasis on "The Four C's" – Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking skills. With our students learning these very important learning strategies, they will be life-long learners, eager to be college or career ready as they move forward in their educational careers.

On behalf of the Panorama faculty, staff, and myself, we would like to welcome you to another successful and fun year here at Panorama Elementary. It is going to be a fantastic year at Panorama!

Go, Panthers!

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Mortensen*

Principal, Panorama Elementary School