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Dear Pleasant Valley Families:

Welcome to Pleasant Valley Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year! We can't wait to return to our building and welcome all of you on **September 9th, 2021**. I know there are still many unanswered questions about how school will look this year. As we await our final reopening guidance for the upcoming school year, I want to reassure our families that the safety of our students and staff is our **number one priority!**

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christina Howard
Principal
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If you have not returned the Chromebook or Tablet you were provided last year, please return it to the closest school at your earliest convenience. The district needs to make sure that all equipment is serviced and working so it can be redistributed next year.

School will begin on **September 9th for all Schenectady students**. Enclosed with this letter you will find information regarding your students' tentative classroom teacher and a suggested supply list. As reopening guidance is being finalized, there may be changes that we did not anticipate, so I would like to thank you in advance for your continuous support and flexibility during the pandemic.

As Dr. Soler has explained, virtual learning is not being offered through the district for the 2021-2022 school year. Students with a medical reason for remaining CVL were asked to provide documentation, so they could be registered through the *Capital District BOCES*. This option is only available to families of medically vulnerable students.

Construction to our building has been ongoing, and there have been many changes both inside and out. While some of our spaces have been completed ahead of schedule as a result of Pleasant Valley being closed last year, final completion of our construction project will not occur until 2023.

This year, one of our building focuses will be on social emotional learning for our students. All of our classrooms will be using the *Second Step Curriculum* that we began implementing last year. This year, we will use the program district wide to help all of our students readjust to being in school. In addition, now that we are back in our building, we want to continue growing strong relationships between home and school therefore, another priority will be to reestablish our **Parent Partnership Team**, because working together is such a critical part of students' success.

This past year we were so lucky to have the support of our families helping us meet the ever changing demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. We value that partnership and want to make sure it is ongoing, as you are the expert on our student. Please feel free to contact me at 518-369-7690 with any ideas, questions, or concerns you may have this year.

I can't wait to start our year together!

Sincerely,
Principal

EVERYBODY COUNTS. EVERYBODY LEARNS.