



# Madrona Elementary School

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Dear Mr. Kantola and Esteemed Board Members:

I am so happy to write to you and express great joy for a wonderful school beginning at Madrona. My staff is outstanding and everyone is working hard for students.

We have had very few issues, so our first days have been relatively easy. We have a number of new students, but each of them is finding their special place at Madrona.

My sincere thanks to our Administrative team for their hard work over the summer helping us prepare for the many computer changes and other areas of emphasis for our district. The tech department has worked their fingers to the bone to resolve the issues we have had. Considering the massiveness of the work that had to be done, we have experienced fewer problems than expected. Go TEAM!

Mr. Maluk has worked hard to help the Title One schools prepare more in-depth plans and I appreciate his support and the resources he has provided to make this process less burdensome for principals. Mr. George provided excellent data for my school that was easy for me to utilize in meetings with staff and with parents for planning. Mr. Ely went the extra mile in making sure that Madrona's M.H. program has what we needed to provide a great start for our sixteen students! Along with Doug's efforts, Dave Bracken and his amazing team at maintenance worked diligently to finish the actual transformation of one regular classroom into an M.H. room in a very short timeline. Their work was not only done on time, but done beautifully. I am proud to invite my parents, staff and students into the new classroom. Debbie Breckner gave me much personal time to discuss my staff and prepare for a more successful year with each one. All in all, I feel I am surrounded by talented, caring, dedicated leaders who put students first in all of their decisions. Danny epitomizes what an ethical, intelligent leader can do and accomplish. I feel his leadership has been nothing but positive for our district.

In a nutshell, I am delighted to be a part of such a strong district. In spite of all of our disadvantages economically, our district has much to be proud of when we consider how well we serve kids. Thanks again for your thoughtful, hard work as board members.

This is going to be a great year!

Lise Van Brunt