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Dear C.P. Smith School Community:

As we prepare for Spring Break I have some exciting news to share regarding school leadership for the 2017-2018 academic year that begins this fall.

First, I want to recognize and thank Principal **Amy Mellencamp** for her many years of dedicated service to the Burlington School District. As you know, Amy is retiring at the end of this school year. Please join me in wishing her well in retirement and this next life chapter.

I am pleased to announce that **Len Phelan** will become the new C.P. Smith Elementary Principal this fall. Len comes from L.C. Hunt Middle School where he has served as Principal for a number of years. I am looking forward to the expanded connections Len will create between Smith and Hunt that will be drawn from his leadership experiences at each campus.

As you will read below, Len brings extensive experience as both an administrator and educator to Smith:

Prior to becoming Principal at Hunt, Len served as Principal in Cape Cod and Principal of Harwich Middle School in Massachusetts. Earlier in his career, Len was a teacher at a youth shelter, special educator and a Social Studies teacher. His years of experience will provide a steady hand for continuous progress at Smith in the coming years to prepare students for middle school.

Len is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth with a B.A. in History. In addition he earned a Master of Arts degree in History from Providence College and a Master of Science degree from Salem State University in Educational Leadership, graduating *Summa Cum Laude*. Len is committed to working collaboratively with students, families and colleagues to help all students grow and gain the important knowledge and skills they need to be life-long learners and to experience success throughout their lives.

Have a restful, enjoyable and safe break everyone.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Yaw Obeng

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