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Dear Newburyport Parents and Community Supporters:

I want to thank everyone in Newburyport for welcoming me so warmly as your new Superintendent of Schools, including School Committee members, Mayor Donna Holaday, school and district staff, parents, students, business and community leaders, and town staff. I am encouraged by a strong sense of community spirit in Newburyport and the deep commitment to our public schools.

I am honored to have been selected to lead this great school district. We have many strengths on which to build, most notably the resolve of students and teachers to excel in school. Exciting work is taking place in each of our five schools to put our students on a path to college and career success. We are fortunate to have active parents and dedicated community partners working with us to provide our young people with a well-rounded education that enables them to grow as scholars and as individuals.

Our students are performing well, but we must continue to improve and ensure excellence for all children across all grade levels. In speaking with many of you over the past few months, I've learned about some of the opportunities and challenges ahead. I look forward to working with you to identify and address areas of improvement. We all are keenly aware that some programs and services have been reduced or eliminated in this challenging financial environment, including some reductions in staff. However, we must be creative and persistent in ensuring that budget cuts do not prevent us from fulfilling our mission of offering a first-rate public education to every family in Newburyport.

In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to meet with many members of the community – to share with you some of my priorities, but above all, to listen to your ideas and concerns, so that I can gain a deeper understanding of the work ahead. Please know that my door is always open to anyone who cares deeply about our schools and our students.

I pledge to keep you informed about the progress we are making to achieve excellence in our district. I encourage you to stay abreast of news and events in the school system through my Facebook page, the district website, local news and cable television, and most of all, by spending time in schools to support our educators and students in the important business of teaching and learning. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Kerble".

Marc Kerble, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools