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Dear Friends of Rockaway Twp. Schools:

Dr. Jennifer Macones has served the Birchwood community with dedication and professionalism for the past six years. Her care and concern for her students, their parents, and staff have been unwavering. Effective July 1, 2025, Dr. Macones has accepted the position of Superintendent in the Saddle River School District. On behalf of the entire community, I thank Dr. Macones for her service to the Rockaway Township School District and wish her success in her new assignment.

Last Night, the Rockaway Twp. Board of Education appointed Ms. Maria Rivera as principal of Birchwood Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025. Ms. Rivera has extensive administrative experience in elementary and secondary education and currently serves as vice-principal of Glen Rock High School. Throughout her career in education, she has served as I&RS Committee Chair, 504 Coordinator, and World Language Supervisor. She has implemented new and effective I&RS and Student Support Team services. She is pursuing her Doctorate in Education Leadership at Seton Hall University and completing a dissertation on teacher retention.

Although we are sad to see Dr. Macones depart, the Birchwood community should be confident that her replacement, Ms. Rivera, will continue the strong tradition of educational excellence firmly established by her predecessor.

Sincerely,



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