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SHELITA WATKIS, PH.D

Principal

December 12, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. I am writing to let you know that I will be taking a personal leave of absence. My last day will be Friday, December 13, 2024. I expect to return to work at the end of January. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Mr. Steven Giacalone, who was appointed last night, to serve as principal in my absence.

Mr. Giacalone is a familiar face to the ESM community. He served the community for many years as a Dean and Assistant Principal at the Jr./Sr. High School. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Giacalone at <u>Giacolones@esmonline.org</u> or at 631-801-3085.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season and a happy new year when it comes around.

Sincerely,

Shelita Watkis

Dr. Watkis Principal