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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year in Lake Washington School District. Teachers, administrators and support staff are ready for your child and are very excited that your family will be a part of the Lake Washington community this year. We will work very hard to ensure that your child has a positive and productive year in their school.

This year will be tough financially for schools and districts across the state. State and federal revenue sources have disappeared and local communities are being asked to fill the gap. Navigating these challenging times will require all of us to do our part.

In Lake Washington School District, however, I have high levels of confidence. I'm confident that your child will attend a school that is safe, provides an excellent environment for learning, and is filled with staff members who care for your child and will ensure that your student has a great school year.

There are several reasons for my confidence. We have a community that supports education and schools. Our community voted to pass a larger educational programs and operations levy in 2010 and as a result, local levy dollars will fill in some of the holes the state left in our budget. I am grateful to the voters in our district for putting education first.

The Lake Washington PTSA and Lake Washington Schools Foundation contribute to my confidence as well. Parents in Lake Washington are involved and active in PTSA and it makes a difference. One tenth of all PTSA members in the state are from our district. PTSAs provide resources the district can't to their school. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation fills in with resources for district-wide programs. Without both PTSA and the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, our schools would not be able to provide some of the rich and engaging learning experiences that benefit your child.

I am also confident because of our high quality and committed teachers, administrators and staff. Our team is being asked each year to do more with less. They keep the best interests of students at the core of what they do every day. They work diligently toward our goal of "every student future ready," despite any challenges that state budget may throw our way.

Finally, I am confident because we are focused on the right work. From continuous improvement processes to improving teaching practice, in Lake Washington we remain focused on efforts that will have the biggest impact on student learning. With a supportive community, involved and generous parents, high quality staff and an effective strategic direction, I am confident in the experience your student will have in Lake Washington schools.

Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Chip Kimball  
Superintendent