



HELEN KELLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I look forward to greeting your children on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 31, 2011. I hope that you are all enjoying the summer with your families.

I write you with great enthusiasm for a wonderful school year. This will be my first year as Principal at Helen Keller Middle School, but I am no stranger to the Easton School District. I have been working in Easton since 1999, when my family moved here from New York. I taught at Samuel Staples Elementary School and at Helen Keller Middle School before my appointment as Assistant Principal of Helen Keller Middle School in 2008. Additionally, both my children attended Samuel Staples Elementary School, Helen Keller Middle School, and Joel Barlow High School. This coming June my daughter will graduate from Joel Barlow, and my son from college.

Within a few weeks I hope to receive confirmation from the U.S. Department of Education that Helen Keller Middle School will be designated as a "Blue Ribbon" school – a prestigious national honor. We first received word of our nomination last November, and at last the selection process will soon come to a close. I will, of course, keep you informed.

All students will receive their class schedules on the first day of school, along with an agenda planner (for which we gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of the PTA!). This agenda planner also contains the Helen Keller Middle School Handbook, which explains school policies and provides additional information about school rules, resources, and references. Please take the time to read this Handbook, and to review our school policies with your child during the first week of school. If you have the time and inclination, you could read the Handbook in August on our website www.helenkellerps.org (look for "Student Handbook" in the lower left of the webpage).

I also look forward to greeting you at our Open House on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The program will begin with new staff introductions in the cafeteria. In the meantime, you will find enclosed biographical information on those new staff members, who have been hired as of this mailing. There are three enclosures in all: the one on new staff, another on school lunch, and a third "handy reference" that you may want to put on your refrigerator.

Again, I look forward to seeing your children, and all of you, very shortly.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Kaplan
Principal