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Dear Aspen Crossing Families,

Welcome to the 20-21 school year! I am so grateful that you have chosen Aspen Crossing Elementary to support your child on their educational journey. I am very excited to partner with you during this year, and can't wait to have our wonderful students back in the building. They are our future and are incredible individuals.

As I am writing this letter, I am filled with a myriad of emotions. Since we last saw each other, we have faced many challenges from protecting our families during a pandemic to civil unrest and blatant racism to protests for change. While I am saddened by the racist acts we have witnessed, I am deeply committed to fostering inclusive excellence for all and providing a welcoming environment for all of our students and families each day. The staff and I will continue to grow and learn each day to support our students.

At Aspen Crossing, we will work diligently to educate and support each individual on their path. Our school will look differently this year in order to implement support for our children during this pandemic, however, I want to assure you that our love of children and passion for making a difference has not wavered. We will partner with you throughout this year to ensure your student embraces a growth mindset, pushes their thinking beyond what they thought was possible and embraces excellence.

With this communication and over the next 2 weeks, I will be sharing a wealth of information about our processes to support our staff and students this year. Please take some time to review the information and share it with your child. Please also make sure you are reading and listening to the messages we are sending out to you. Communication is an essential piece of our work, and we rely on everyone to commit to this process.

Throughout this year, I challenge all of us to be a little kinder, a little more patient and a little more flexible. We have never seen a time in education like this before, and yet I know that we will succeed. One of the things I most admire about our community and our staff, is that we always rise to meet the challenge at hand with unwavering courage and commitment. Together, we can accomplish the unthinkable because we are Marmots! #MarmotPride

Thank you, again, for your incredible support in making Aspen Crossing the amazing place it is. Please reach out with any question you might have, and let us know if you need any support during this year. As always, I am truly honored and humbled to be your principal. Thank you for all you do each day.

Your partner in education,

Karen