## Dear Cotee River Families,

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be a fantastic school year. The faculty and staff have been very busy preparing the school and classrooms for an exciting year of learning and growth. Student success is the goal of every staff member.

We believe we are a community of learners. Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel are committed to providing our students many opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom, for high caliber and quality learning, continual growth, leadership opportunities, and achieving at a high level of excellence.

During this 2015 - 2016 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our foundation of great work and many worthwhile traditions, with none being more important than continuing to build upon our tradition of excellence in education. Our mission is simple and yet powerful: ALL IN Part 2: Activate Learner-Reflect, Recharge, Reengage! We believe that all of us, the school and the community, must work together in an extended family environment to ensure success for all our students. We believe it is everyone's responsibility to empower children with the creative, intellectual, and decision-making skills necessary for them to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible. We believe together our teachers, students, parents/guardians, and community members make a strong Cotee River family.

Again, we welcome you to Cotee River and to our professional learning community where there is high energy, passion and high standards for excellence! The staff, faculty, and administration are honored that you entrust us with your children. We appreciate your support as your child enters the classroom, learns, and grows through the year. The hours that your children are with us each and every day are so important. Let's all commit to having an AWESOME school year, setting everyone- students, as well as teachers, up for success. Remember we are "All In" as we embark on this journey together!

Sincerely,

**Sharon Slusser, Principal** 

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