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Greetings Families,

I have heard some confusion and concern about our new Re-registration Process. I wanted to provide some clarity around the process.

According to our long-standing policy, we provide education to any Winthrop resident of school age. Historically, we have asked families to provide proof of residency when entering Kindergarten or when coming into the school system for the first time. This process remains the same.

Over the past two years, we have discovered that several non-resident families continue to have students enrolled in the Winthrop Public Schools and we have taken steps to assist them in enrolling their students in the community in which they now reside. Our obligation is to ensure that the resources intended for Winthrop resident students are reserved for Winthrop residents only. To assist with residency compliance, we recently adopted a new policy to have families re-establish residency in the third, sixth and ninth grades. We will begin the process for the 2019-2020 school year with students entering grade 9 and will institute the process for grades 3 and 6 for the 2020-2021 school year. This new Policy will help to ensure that only eligible Winthrop resident students are attending our schools. We appreciate the cooperation of our families in participating in this process.

Please note that for homeowners, we will accept either a mortgage document or property tax document and personal financial information should be redacted.

It is our hope that this process will also create an opportunity for schools to connect with parents. We welcome family involvement and want to be available to you as a resource. We offer several ways to stay in touch with what is happening with our school including emails from me and principals, electronic systems including I-Pass, individual school website pages and social media postings. When you come in to re-establish residency, please verify that we have your correct email and let us know if you need help getting access to any of the Winthrop Public School's E-systems.

Respectfully,

Lisa A. Howard, M.Ed.

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