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Dear Future Buckeye Kindergarten Families,

Welcome! We are so excited to have you as part of our Buckeye Family! Buckeye Elementary is a wonderful school community that includes passionate educators, hard-working paraprofessionals, a plethora of parent volunteers and most importantly, kind and motivated students!

The 2018-19 school year will be my 16th year of teaching young children! I have 7 years of experience in kindergarten, 7 years as a 1st grade teacher, and 1 year as a third-grade math and reading intervention tutor. I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2002 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I have a Pre-K to Grade 3 licensure and a K-12 Reading Endorsement. In May 2009, I graduated from Cleveland State University with a Master in Curriculum and Instruction, focusing on Mild/Moderate Special Education. I chose this program to learn strategies to meet the diverse needs my students.

Kindergarten is the start of a long journey in education for both your child and your family. I am honored to be your child's first K-12 teacher. I will do my best to help your child grow academically, socially and emotionally throughout the school year. I hope to build a strong academic foundation, but also a love for learning.

I sincerely enjoy working with young children. It's amazing to see the growth from August to June! I strongly encourage parent involvement and welcome parents to come in to see us learn and grow. At the beginning of the school year, I will send home information about volunteer opportunities and classroom activities.

I anticipate a fabulous school year and look forward to meeting parents at one of our upcoming events:

- ★ Buckeye Kindergarten Curriculum Night - **May 1st 6:00pm**
 - This is an **adult-only** event to discuss the expectations of kindergarten.
- ★ Buckeye Kindergarten Meet-and-Greet - **May 14th 6:30 - 7:00pm**
 - **Future Kindergartners** may come check out the classroom and meet Mrs. Soots
 - Parents are invited to stay for the Buckeye PTA meeting at 7pm. (Childcare is provide by Buckeye PTA.)

Thank you for all you do to support learning in your home!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Soots