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Dear Bowen Community:

Last week, Diana Guzzi informed you that she will be on a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. I know Diana is greatly appreciative of the consideration and support of the Bowen community and we wish her well in the coming weeks.

I am writing to let you know that effective this Thursday, Cynthia Bencal will be the interim principal at Bowen for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. Cindy served with distinction as principal of the Burr Elementary school for 19 years until her retirement in 2010. She is a smart, thoughtful and collaborative leader, who is well prepared to lead Bowen over the next few months.

Cindy's knowledge of the Newton Public Schools will be especially helpful during this time of transition. She has informed me that she knows a number of Bowen faculty members and is eager to meeting the rest of the staff, students and families in the coming days. Cindy will be in close touch with Diana to ensure that the transition is seamless.

Prior to taking the principal position at Burr, Cindy was the Coordinator of Language Arts in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District. She was also a teacher in both Brookline and Lynn. Cindy is a graduate of Dartmouth College and has graduate degrees in education from both Lesley University and Wheelock College.

I know that Cindy is very much looking forward to her interim role and feel confident that you will enjoy working with her. We will work closely with Cindy and Diana to support the school over the next few months, as we complete the current school year and begin to plan for 2012-2013.

Sincerely,

David Fleishman
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