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Dear Bagley families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Daniel Bagley Elementary School. I'm the new 1st & 2nd grade classroom teacher in Room 220 and I am looking forward to meeting you.

This is my twentieth year in elementary education, and I am thrilled to be able to shift back into the classroom. Before working in elementary classrooms I taught preschool at a college laboratory school and worked at PBS. I earned a bachelor's degree in Human Development/Elementary Education at Washington State University, and a master's degree in School Administration at the University of Guam. My Washington State teaching certificate endorsements include Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English, Psychology, and Administration. During my teaching career I've enjoyed serving as classroom teacher, college instructor, and school leader, in both public and private schools. Although I have spent the past six years supporting Seattle area schools, I taught in the Northern Mariana Islands for thirteen years prior to that. I was introduced to Montessori Education while serving as the principal and lower elementary teacher at Brilliant Star Montessori School in Saipan. My Montessori elementary training is currently being advanced at the Montessori Academy at Spring Valley.

My childhood was spent in West Seattle climbing trees, building forts, reading great stories, and attending Seattle Public Schools. Outdoor spaces are still my favorite, I like to camp, explore, swim, draw, watch soccer, tinker, and laugh. I love guiding children and learning alongside them as they discover new skills, construct an understanding of their world, and develop an inclusive appreciation for each other.

My decision to teach at Bagley Elementary was centrally based on the people I have met here. Last spring I had the opportunity to chat with several of the school's educators, parents, and students. In each conversation I heard about the compassion, support, and joy created through children's experiences at Bagley. That's when I knew I wanted to become a part of this great school. Working with Bagley School's kind and professional team of teachers and staff will allow me to empower important learning across my class.

Now you know a bit about me. I can hardly wait to begin getting to know your child throughout our work in our classroom community this year.

Kind regards,
Rob Schultz

The supply list is available on the school website (<http://bagleyes.seattleschools.org/>). Please include a check for \$20.00 (made out to Daniel Bagley Elementary & please write Room #220 at the bottom). \$5 of this will support art class supplies. If you would like to add extra funds to your check as a supply scholarship for a child please note that on the check. Your check covers the purchase of other needed supplies such as high quality colored pencils, classroom folders, handwriting journals, water color paints, and other supplies particular to the classroom which I may be able to obtain in bulk.

Tip: Small backpacks work best, as all the students share lockers that don't accommodate large bags. Please label lunch bags with your child's names. Other supplies don't need to be labeled.