



Mendham Township Middle School

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Re: Mrs. Riina's Maternity Leave Replacement

Dear MTMS Fifth Grade Parents,

Prior to our 2006 holiday vacation, Mrs. Riina and I sent home a letter informing you that Mrs. Riina's maternity leave will commence on January 11, 2007. Additionally, we confirmed that Miss Laura Pritchard would be teaching language arts in her absence. However, after being hired, Miss Pritchard declined the position and therefore, we secured Mr. James Haggerty to serve our fifth grade students through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Haggerty earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Seton Hall University and subsequently a Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. He holds two New Jersey teaching certificates: *Teacher of English* and *Elementary Teacher*. Mr. Haggerty comes to us with approximately five years of public school teaching experience. I am eagerly awaiting his arrival and believe that Mr. Haggerty will be an excellent addition to our fifth grade team.

Please note that Mr. Haggerty will be visiting our fifth grade classrooms on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. He will begin instruction on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 and as such, a substitute teacher will bridge the transition for **four (corrected from three)** school days.

If you have any questions and or concerns please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Patrick J. Ciccone

cc: Dr. Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools