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Dear students, parents and guardians;

I would like to take this opportunity to provide my first introductory comments to our school community in my capacity as the new Principal of LCVI. Over the past 20 years, I have served as a teacher, consultant and administrator in the Limestone District School Board, in schools such as Sharbot Lake High School, La Salle Secondary School, Bayridge Secondary School, and QECVI. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead in my new role here at LCVI. I am also very fortunate to have an excellent vice-principal team supporting our students, including Maureen Bartlett, Jennifer Grasse, and Sheri Jones. They are incredibly hard-working and compassionate administrators who bring with them a great deal of experience from across a wide array of schools. We all operate on the premise that students of all backgrounds and abilities must receive the programming and supports that will help them achieve to their fullest potential. I am confident that you will see this belief in action in our work at LCVI.

The past few months have certainly been very busy for our school, as I am sure you are all aware. This fall, we had 140 grade 9 students enter high school at LCVI, as well as approximately 50 International students. This is in addition to the approximately 275 students and four Focus Programs that have come our way as a result of the closure of QECVI. Our frontline staff have been working incredibly hard to help incoming students and staff adjust to their new school, as well as manage our school start-up procedures. I would like to thank all of our students, parents, and guardians for your patience during our initial transition, as well as the feedback and suggestions you have provided about how we can make this year a success for everyone.

Now that things have begun to settle, and students have their mid-term reports, we will be working on ways to establish ongoing and regular communication with our school community. We have a new electronic sign on the property which will be used to share upcoming events, we will continue to use our voice message system to remind families about what is happening at LCVI, and we plan to launch our "Remind" app so that anyone can receive reminders via text message about what is happening at LCVI. Please see the insert with this newsletter for information about how to sign up for "Remind".

In closing, the mid-term report included with this newsletter provides an ideal opportunity to take stock of a students' progress thus far, while there is still ample time to make adjustments or provide support for success. I strongly encourage parents and guardians to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions, or access the assistance of Melissa Baker, our Student Success teacher, if you would like to discuss a broader support plan for your child. Our staff welcome the opportunity to work with you on the common goal of student success and achievement. Please feel free to contact us at the school at 613-546-5575 if we can be of further support.

Sincerely,

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