Dear Pine Grove School Parents,

I write to you today to share the news that Mr. Todd Markham, our school psychologist, will be transferring to Thompson Brook School when we return in January. Mr. Markham has been a valued member of our school community for many years and we wish him all the best as he explores this new opportunity.

In preparation for his transfer, an extensive screening and interview process began here at Pine Grove School over two months ago. The goal of this process was to find the most qualified school psychologist available, someone who could step in and continue to provide the same high quality support experience already being provided by Mr. Markham. A committee was formed that included teachers, special education staff, Amy Borio (assistant principal), and myself. Candidates were asked to take part in multiple interviews and demonstrate both a high level of content knowledge and of course a passion for supporting young children with social emotional needs.

As a result of this process, I am happy to announce that Ms. Beata Celejewski will take over Mr. Markham's responsibilities on January 6th. We are excited to have Ms. Celejewski join us for the remainder of the year. Beata is a licensed school counselor as well as a nationally certified school psychologist (NCSP.) Ms. Celejewski has served as the school psychologist at Hebron Avenue School in Glastonbury since 2013.

On behalf of all the students, parents, and staff here at Pine Grove, I want to thank Mr. Markham for the terrific job he has done supporting students, parents, and staff here at Pine Grove for the past 13 years. We are glad to know he will remain a support for PGS students as they transition to TBS in the years to come.

Mrs. Celejewski can be reached at bcelejewski@avon.k12.ct.us or by phone at (860) -404-4795 after January 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jess M. Giannini
Principal