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Dear Central Bucks East High School Community,

My name is Chad Watters and I will be joining the CB East community as the new principal. I am honored to have the opportunity to work alongside CB East students, staff, and families. I am a proud CB graduate, taught at Barclay Elementary School, and have served our district as an administrator at Groveland Elementary, Warwick Elementary, and Unami Middle School. I love the Central Bucks School District. Through a recent parent survey, I asked Unami parents to use three words to describe our school. To the right is a Word Cloud capturing all their feedback.

The largest words were the words used most frequently by parents in describing our school. I share this with you because it captures well the school culture I work to create. When students feel cared for and safe they can focus on fun and challenging learning. I look forward to seeing how you will describe CB East in the future. Please know that I share the same commitment that I have had for the Barclay, Groveland, Warwick, and Unami communities, and will work diligently to uphold my own personal mission of gracefully leading and being led by the school community I serve in my new role at CB East.

My wife, Angela, and I live in Doylestown with our two sets of twins. Our oldest set of identical twin girls will be 9th graders, while our younger set of boy/girl twins will be 7th graders, all at Holicong Middle School. We took the picture to the right during a beach vacation last summer. . . . nothing but staycations for us this summer. I have learned so much from my children as they have grown through our Central Bucks schools. It has helped me to reflect on what we do in CB, in my role as a principal, and consider how we might continually strive for improvement for our students. Having the perspective as a parent in our district has been a tremendous asset to my work and I’m excited at the opportunity to continue to learn about our district through a parent’s eyes as my oldest twins join the high school in one more year. Yes, this means my own children will be attending the school I serve, in time. And while that might be perceived as a challenge, we recognize challenges as opportunities and are committed to using this opportunity as fuel to ensure we are providing the best possible education for all students at CB East.
I enjoy lifting weights, running (I've run Broad Street the last 12 years – and will run it virtually this year), cooking, and music. I hold a blackbelt in American Kenpo and taught at a studio above (what was) County Linen in Doylestown for years (many years ago). I also spent many years rock climbing all over the northeast, and a bit out west. Bottom line: I have a lot of energy and stay active 😊! I also enjoy spending all of the time I can with my children and family. Pre-COVID, our kids were all active in (different) clubs and athletics, so I know the challenges of evening responsibilities, acting as a taxi, trying to get homework completed, monitoring phone use, screen time, social media, and making a concerted effort to have dinner together as often as possible during the week. In short, parenting is hard work!

My educational background includes a degree in education from Temple University, a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley College, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley University where I was part of the first cohort to complete the program. I also enjoy teaching as an adjunct professor and mentoring young leaders in education. The importance of lifelong learning is at the core of my work. The teaching profession is incredibly complex and challenging and I am passionate about supporting teachers and promoting their learning and growth.

I am so excited to begin our work together, leading and learning alongside the students, faculty and staff of CB East High School, and meeting all of you soon.

I know there are many questions about what the beginning of the 20-21 school year might look like. I will be sure to communicate again shortly as the district continues to finalize plans for the opening of the new school year. I just wanted you to have a sense of who I am and what I value as we begin our work together.

Sincerely,

Chad M. Watters, Ed.D.
Principal

PS: Hello again to all of my Groveland and Warwick friends. Who would have thought our roads would cross again on your family's journey through CB?! I have already looked through the yearbook, and while the kids are much older, I can still see all of their elementary school faces 😊. I look forward to reconnecting with you all soon.