From the desk of Michelle Jensen, Deerfield District Administrator

Welcome to the 2006-2007 school year! As the beginning of a new school year approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back students, parents, and staff as we prepare for a busy fall schedule.

As I transition into my role as District Administrator, I am looking forward to working with the community, parents, students, staff and Board of Education in continuing to provide a school district committed to excellence and equity in education. As we strive to fulfill our mission, we continue to work toward our district goal to have all students fluent in Spanish by graduation through our K-12 Spanish program. In addition, our goal of increasing math achievement district-wide continues to expand from the elementary school to middle school where the Connected Math Program (CMP) curriculum will be fully implemented beginning this fall. We look forward to great progress on both goals throughout the school year.

An important aspect of providing an excellent education to our students is to share information between the community and school. Look for regular news articles to be printed in the local paper and community sharing sessions to be held throughout the year. Communities and schools working together ensures that all our students will be provided with an exceptional place to learn and grow.

Lastly, it is a busy time in our community as students of all ages begin their trek to and from school. High school students have begun preparing for fall sports seasons and younger students will soon be walking and riding bikes to and from school. This increase in traffic on our streets and sidewalks bears a reminder to all residents to be attentive to the crossing guards, flashing school signs and speed limits to ensure safe travel for all.

I look forward to a positive, productive school year and welcome your communications. I encourage community members to visit the Deerfield Community School District website at <u>www.deerfield.k12.wi.us</u> to see additional information about the school calendar, Board meetings, district goals and much more. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to make our schools a better place for students please feel free to contact me via the district phone number at 764-5431, via email at <u>jensenm@deerfield.k12.wi.us</u> or visit my district office at 300 Simonson Boulevard.