Dear Parents and Guardians.

Welcome to the new school year! My name is Emily Myers and I am Lea's Emotional Support teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. While I have had the pleasure to get to know some of your children in the past, I am new to teaching your student. I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself.

I am entering my 4th year of teaching as a special education teacher and my 3rd year teaching at Henry C. Lea. I graduated from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 2015 with dual certifications in Elementary and Special Education.

Communication will be key to ensuring a collaborative and meaningful school year for your student. At Lea, we use Class Dojo to message and communicate with families. I will send home information at the beginning of the year encouraging you to sign up for your student's regular education teacher as well as my Class Dojo to keep the lines of communication open. I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns and I will respond in a timely manner! You can also feel free to email me and we can set up conferences to meet in person or on the phone as needed.

I will be implementing a social skills curriculum and will be utilized to fulfill your student's individual needs as specified in their IEP. I will collaborate with your student's regular education teacher on a daily basis to make sure they are working toward becoming more independent and successful in the classroom.

I look forward to a productive and great school year and look forward to meeting and working with you and your student!

Educationally yours,

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