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Dear Parents:

On behalf of RAVSAK: The Jewish Community Day School Network, representing community day schools across North America, it is my great pleasure to congratulate a beloved teacher at the Seattle Jewish Community School, Beth Huppín, on receiving this year's Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. The Covenant Award is a prestigious honor that not only recognizes outstanding Jewish educators, but also highlights the institutions that nurture the educators' innovation and excellence, and provide the context for the awardees' important work.

At RAVSAK, we promote the development of Jewish education through innovative national programming, in-service and senior staff development, Judaic curriculum development, conferences, and networking opportunities that keep our school's educators and administrators on the cutting edge of educational innovation and Judaic program development. We are delighted that a community day school educator has been recognized for her important work as an educational leader, role model, and exemplar for peers and colleagues. This award underscores the vital importance of the day schools network's educational mission, and the many achievements – great and small – that help our day schools play a central role in educating and nurturing future generations of Jewish adults who, through their informed commitment to Jewish life, will ensure the continuity of our community and our people.

As a community, you at SJCS have much to be proud of, and much to build upon. It is my hope that, with the support of devoted parents and community members, Jewish community day schools will continue to thrive, and will provide opportunities for excellent educators like Beth Huppín to have a formative impact on our children.

I offer a heartfelt *mazel* tov to Beth, her family and friends, the SJCS community and most importantly, her students!

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer,

Dr. Marc N. Kramer
Executive Director