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Dear Westbrook Family,

We are thrilled to share Westbrook's truly exciting news! As you know, we were recently named a 2018 New Jersey State School of Character by Character.org. Representatives from Character.org conducted site visit at our school on March 16, to speak with parents, staff, teachers, and some students. They conducted thorough interviews with Mr. Daniel Novak, Director of Education, Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid, Director of Special Services, other pertinent staff, and myself.

As a result of our application, site visit, and ongoing character education efforts, Westbrook Elementary School has also been given the distinction of a **2018 National School of Character!**

This announcement was made at Rider University on May 18 at the New Jersey Alliance for Social, Emotional and Character Development (NJASECD) Conference.

This distinction is well deserved! It is with deepest gratitude that I thank our Character Committee members for all their time and hard work with the application process and site visit. I would also like to thank each one of our Westbrook faculty and staff who work so hard every day to create an environment where character matters. I would also like to thank our school community, parents, and our students for your constant support and for sharing in our character mission. We truly are a family!

Westbrook Elementary School will hold this designation for five years and become part of a network of Schools of Character that serve as models and mentors to other educators.

By no means does this distinction mean that we are perfect, or that we have arrived at our destination. We recognize that our students need ongoing nurturing and encouragement and that character development is in fact a journey. Receiving this recognition inspires us to do even more. I look forward to partnering with you as we continue this journey together.

Without each of you and your involvement, this distinction would not have been possible! Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Dana Swarts".

Dr. Dana Swarts
Principal