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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am so excited to be back and meeting new and returning students. My name is Amanda Bayne and I am the School Counselor for Third and Fourth grades at Indian Land Elementary. This is my seventeenth year in education and eleventh as a School Counselor. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and working with your family during the school year.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you and then encourage you to visit our school counseling page to find out more about me and the counseling program. I received my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education from University of South Carolina. Go Gamecocks! I received my Masters degree in Counseling and Development from Winthrop University. Before I became a school counselor, I taught second grade for six years. I am excited to see all the wonderful things that will happen this year!

I will be teaching lessons throughout the year. Lessons will focus mainly on Social Emotional Skills and doing weekly check ins. Some of the lessons that will be reviewed this year include: Getting to know each other, Role of the School Counselor, Personal Safety/Drug Awareness, Defining Feelings, Managing Emotions and Identifying Coping Skills, Friendship, Teasing vs. Bullying, Self-Esteem, Diversity and Compassion, and Careers.

I am also available to see your child on an individual basis as needed. In addition, we have added in small groups as part of our school counseling program. The goal is to rotate all the students into a group once while they are in elementary school. This is another way for us to provide students with specific support in the area of Social Emotional Learning and help nurture skills earlier.

There will be a semester newsletter posted on the Counseling page on the Indian Land Elementary School website and I encourage you to take a look at it to see what we are

up to each semester. This newsletter will provide you with information on lessons we will be covering, as well as additional information or resources for you.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 803-548-9425 or via email at Amanda.bayne@lcsd.k12.sc.us. When emailing me, please put in the subject line "In regards to student(s) (insert your child's name)". We have an exciting year planned through our School Counseling program and I look forward to a wonderful year working with your child(ren).

Sincerely,

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