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Dear Students and Parents,

My name is Karen Birt (more commonly known as Miss Birt ☺), and I am starting my twenty-third year of teaching at Clinton. Even though the beginning of this year looks different from any other of my forty-three first days of school (including my own education), I remain confident that we can have a good year. I told one of my classes on March 13, the last day of the 2019-2020 school year, that God has been faithful in the past and will be faithful in the future. I continue to believe that.

For the coming year, I will be teaching eighth-grade literature, advanced eleventh-grade English, advanced twelfth-grade English, and Algebra I. In all, I have been teaching for twenty-six years, mostly English classes (my special interest), but also some math and other classes interspersed. Besides teaching at Clinton, I work part-time at Grace College for the humanities department and also teach a class at Grace College.

When I am not at school, I love to travel. My sister, who is also a teacher, and I try to take a major road trip every summer, but this year we stuck more to day trips starting from each of our homes. We visited Shenandoah National Park, walked a few miles on the Appalachian Trail, saw several Indiana State Parks, and went up the east side of Lake Michigan. I also love to read, and I do freelance writing and editing projects as well.

I am looking forward to a new school year with a chance to re-connect with students that I had last year and students that I have never had before or it has been a few years. Join with me in an exciting year of new possibilities!

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