Dear Silverton Parents:

As your child’s English and Math teacher this school year, I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you.

My name is Sonya McCoy and I am a native Cincinnatian. I graduated from Walnut Hills High School and earned my bachelor's degree at Northern Kentucky University. Additionally, I have a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Phoenix, and am certified to teach both general and special education via The College of Mt. St. Joseph.

I am an experienced educator and have taught in several states, in a variety of settings, including elementary, middle school and high school. I am also an adjunct professor at Cincinnati State University. I am looking forward to sharing a wide variety of learning experiences with my students this year! Just to give you a sense of what both you and Jerry can expect from me this year, I’d like to tell you a bit about our classroom and, very briefly, explain my philosophy of teaching.

During the first several weeks of school, I set aside a significant amount of time so that I can get to know my students better. Every student is unique and has different interests and learning styles. I want to ensure that I spend some time learning about all of my students and having them learn about me. My goal is for our classroom to be a community of learners based on mutual respect for all individual differences. I want you and your child to know that *our* (not *my)* classroom is a safe environment where students are encouraged to share, learn from one another, and learn from me—just as I will learn from them.

If you would, **please share information with me about your child** **by** **completing the “Please Tell Me More About Your Child”** sheet so that I can best meet his/her needs and expectations.

I also want to let you know that you are **welcome to visit our classroom at any time during the year.** To arrange a meeting, all you have to do is contact me and I will be happy to set up a meeting with you! I call and accept calls from parents freely. We are in this together, working for the good of your child. ☺

**Lastly, please use our classroom website.** There you will find information about **volunteer opportunities,** and different ways you can support our classroom. Even if you do not wish to volunteer in the classroom, I would encourage you to follow our class online. **I like to post photos and updates about students and all of our classroom activities!**

If you have questions, please contact me in one of the following ways:

* **Email:**mccoyso@cpsboe.k12.oh.us
* **Phone:** (513) 363-5400--office-ask for me and I will accept your call; or voicemail (513) 363-5451 **If text messaging works best for you, please speak with me.**
* **Classroom Website:** [www.mccoysclass.weebly.com](http://www.mccoysclass.weebly.com)

Sincerely,

Ms. Sonya McCoy