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Superintendent

Dear Students, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility that I introduce myself as your new Superintendent. I am honored to join this district and to serve a community that is so clearly committed to the success and well-being of its students.

From my first conversations and visits, it is evident that this is a place where people care deeply about learning, about growth, and about one another. I am inspired by the dedication of our educators, the curiosity and resilience of our students, and the support of families and community partners who make this district such a special place.

As Superintendent, my goal is to listen, learn, and lead in a way that reflects our shared values. I prioritize constant communication, safety and well being of students and staff, and ensuring we continue to offer cutting edge and academically rigorous programs for our students. Together, we will build on the strengths of our schools while continuing to seek opportunities for innovation and improvement. I am committed to fostering an environment where every student feels safe, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting many of you—whether in your classrooms, at school events, or in community conversations. Your voices matter, and I welcome your ideas, feedback, and partnership as we shape the future of our district together. I invite you to meet with me on **April 21st at 7:00 pm** in the high school auditorium for a meet and greet. I look forward to sharing my background, educational philosophies, and vision of the future of the district with you. I hope to see many of you there!

As I begin this role, I am working closely with our team to develop a careful and balanced budget that supports our students while remaining fiscally responsible. We look forward to sharing the proposed 2026–2027 school year budget with the Board of Education at the May 4th meeting, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am excited for the journey ahead and proud to be part of this community.

With appreciation,

Lauren Thomas

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