NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Dear Newport Families, Partners, and Neighbors,

I am honored to serve as Superintendent of Newport Independent Schools. Newport has a proud history, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a district that plays an important role in our community. Newport is not just where I work, it's the district I grew up in and one where I have spent my career serving. That perspective gives me a deep understanding of our schools, our community, and the responsibility that comes with this role.

As we move forward, we have an opportunity to build on what makes Newport strong and bring greater clarity and alignment to our work. Clear communication and thoughtful decision-making will remain priorities.

At the core of our work will be three clear commitments:

Professionalism. How we communicate, prepare, and represent Newport matters.

High Expectations. Every student and every adult will be held to a high standard.

Growth Mindset. We will approach challenges with determination and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Our focus will be intentional: ensuring that success for every student is supported through strong systems, consistent expectations, and shared accountability.

Our work will continue to focus on strong instruction, meaningful partnerships, and helping students prepare for life beyond graduation. Public schools succeed when families, staff, students, and the broader community work together, and I value that partnership.

I want families to feel confident in our schools, staff to feel proud of their work, and students to take pride in being Newport graduates.

Thank you for your continued interest in and engagement with Newport Independent Schools. I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community.

Sincerely,

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