



Byron Elementary School

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Dear Byron Elementary Families,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I return to the Byron Area Schools as the interim elementary principal. As many of you are aware, several years ago I served the district as the athletic director and it is with those positive memories of working with the staff and students of Byron that I welcome this return. Throughout my career, I have been blessed with a number of positive and rewarding experiences and I look forward to adding this to the list.

As an educator I have had the pleasure of being a classroom teacher/ coach for fourteen years, an assistant principal/ athletic director for three years, a full-time assistant principal for three years, a high school principal for seven years and director of instruction for three- and one-half years. In my case, retirement never meant that you stop working as I spent six years working professional baseball with the Great Lakes Loons in Midland, one year as athletic director in Byron and two years as middle school athletic events supervisor in Swartz Creek.

As a grandparent of two students in the district, my focus will be on investing in our student learners, building partnerships with our student's parents and supporting our dedicated staff in helping our students reach their full potential. With our combined efforts, I believe that we can continue to follow the path that has been established here at Byron Elementary to challenge our students in becoming the best that they can be.

I look forward to meeting each of you and please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. Once again, I'm proud to say I'm Byron Eagle and I'm looking forward to having an exceptional school year!

Cordially,

Michael Vanderlip
Interim Principal