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Byron Area Schools

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This past July Mrs. Hattie Rainer joined the Byron community as our elementary principal and has worked diligently to provide a secure and interesting learning and work environment for all Byron Area elementary students and staff. I've enjoyed working alongside of her and witnessing firsthand Mrs. Rainer's efforts and passion for making a significant impact on the lives of our students, their families and our coworkers.

So it is with great regret that I must share with you that Thursday, October 29 will be Mrs. Rainer's last day as principal of Byron Elementary School. Mrs. Rainer is leaving to focus her many significant energies on the wellbeing of her family. She will be missed.

Of course there will be a time of transition and I'll rely on students, parents and staff to assist me in maintaining our path forward as together we continue providing the high quality education the Byron community has come to expect from its schools.

Toward that end, on Monday, November 8, Mr. Mike Vanderlip will take over as interim elementary principal through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Some of you may remember Mr. Vanderlip as Byron's Athletic Director during the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Vanderlip has had a wide variety of experiences during his career as an educator. He's been a classroom teacher, a principal and worked in the central office.

The Byron Elementary learning community will appreciate Mr. Vanderlip's easy going manner, his keen attention to supporting their work and the wealth of education knowledge he possesses for them to draw upon.

Sincerely,

Bob Cassidy, Superintendent
Byron Area Schools