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Byron Area Schools

Dear Byron Students and Families,

It is with great honor and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to all of you as the Interim Principal of Byron Middle & High School. While I am a familiar face, I could not be more excited about my new role within the district. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead two schools with such persevering students, an extremely dedicated staff and a supportive school community. The opportunity to mentor the next great generation of Byron students was one I simply could not pass up.

This year marks my 27th year in education. My career in Byron began in 1999. I have spent the last 21 years teaching 6th through 12th grade students at both the middle and high school levels. Prior to that, I taught two years of alternative education at Baker College. Additionally, I have spent the last 27 years coaching; starting in middle school and working up to Varsity Cross Country and Track & Field programs.

I am often asked, why Byron? The simple answer is, I love the people. I grew up in similar community and am grateful to have found a job that affords me the ability to work with you and your wonderful students. We all know the old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child", and for me there is no other village I'd rather work in.

On a personal note, I am married to an educator and have two children. As a mother of a fourth and fifth grader, I understand how important educational experiences are. To this day, I still draw upon my own secondary education experiences. From Marching Band practices with Mr. Birch, learning French with Madame Howelett, running long cross country miles with beloved teammates, to Precalculus with Mr. Bombyk; these memories always bring a smile to my face. My core mission is to ensure your students have a similar experience and opportunity to make their own special memories.

I view education as a life-long process and expect that I will continue to learn much about Byron this year and in the years to come. One of the main pillars I rely on is communication. Effective communication is crucial for everyone. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Conversely, you can expect to hear from me. I will not hesitate to call home as I want to share success and opportunities for growth with our families. Praise is just as powerful a tool as patience. I bring a belief that students are the center of all school-related decisions. I am excited to unite my experience, my openness to learn, and my student-centered approach to support learning for everyone.

Sincerely,

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