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**Howdy!**

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**Subject :** Howdy!**To :** holt staf <holt\_staf@4j.lane.edu>

Hello Holt Bolts,

As you now know, I'll be your new principal next year and I thought I'd take a moment to introduce myself, even if it's over email, which kind of stinks, but that's our online COVID world right now, full of Zooms, emails, and phone calls.

I've been in 4J since 1995 (or since 1976 if you count when I was a 4J student), starting as a sub and was then hired at Howard as an Instructional Technology Specialist. Next I taught a 2/3 blend for some years (Howard did all 2/3 and 4/5 blends at that time) and later became Howard's Title 1 Coordinator. When I switched to the admin world, I was first a Wallace Grant Administrative Intern, working as an assistant principal at Awbrey Park and Meadowlark/Buena Vista for a year. Next I was assistant principal at Cal Young Middle School for three years. After that I was principal at Yujin Gakuen & Corridor for five years and most recently have been at Howard the past eight years.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know the Holt community. Based the school social media posts, especially the videos, Holt seems like a staff who knows how to have fun, so that suits me quite well. I'm sure I'll have a learning curve, but in the meantime I'm available over the summer to meet at school or over coffee or Zoom or by phone or whatever with anyone who'd like to share your thoughts with me and give me the lowdown on Holt.

My cell number is [REDACTED] and please free to call, text, or email anytime.

For the fall, I usually email staff my back-to-school information a couple week before staff report back, but this fall I'll plan to send some initial information in early August since I'm sure everyone will be wondering what school will look like in the fall. We may not have all of the answers at that point, but I'll plan to keep everyone in the loop where things currently stand. I'm connecting with Dan now to bring me up to speed on all of Holt happenings and to make sure we get the school year off to a great start, even if it's not a typical one.

These are highly unusual times we're living in right now, but please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything I can help you with.

Take care of yourselves and your families and I'll see you all soon!

Allan

PS: I've already ordered some purple hoodies and purple face masks.

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### **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:**

- **YG/Corridor Giveaway Wednesday 12:00- 4:00** - If you missed [Julie Janisse's Email](#), there is a giveaway this Wednesday from 12:00-4:00 at the YG/Corridor building.
- **Fall 2020-2021 Plans** - School districts received guidance this past week from the state on how to reopen in the fall. If you're interested in reading about the "blueprint" districts need to submit to the state, see this [ODE Webpage](#). Downtown is planning to work with unions and stakeholder groups on our plan. Nothing has been decided at this point what the fall will look like, but my guess is we'll most likely have either a hybrid A/B Day Format or a continuation of distance learning.

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