
[admin_super] Administrative Update

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Team,

We're continuing to move forward toward the coming school year. I'd like to share four more changes in our administrator team for 2022–23.

Director of Middle School Education: Sebastian Bolden

Sebastian Bolden has been selected to serve as the director of middle school education, overseeing 4J middle school programs. Sebastian currently is working at the elementary level, having served as principal of Spring Creek Elementary School since 2018, but much of his background is in middle school education.

Before coming to 4J four years ago, Sebastian served for five years as assistant principal of Meadow View School, a large K–8 school in Bethel. Prior to becoming a school administrator, Sebastian was a middle level teacher at Meadow View School for several years. He taught math, science, reading and an intervention and support program, and coached track and field.

Sebastian is passionate about improving students' lives through education. As an instructional leader in a K–8 school, his focus was to collaborate with school teams and utilize systems to improve the school environment and outcomes. He was integrally engaged in planning, supporting and facilitating the implementation of professional learning communities, data teams, effective instructional practices, curriculum changes, proficiency based learning, equity framework, culturally responsive PBIS, resiliency building practices, and restorative practices. He is looking forward to supporting all middle school leaders, staff, students and families in his new role.

Churchill High School Assistant Principal / Athletic Director: Erik Hoberg

Welcome to Erik Hoberg, who is returning to 4J from the Pleasant Hill School District, where he has served as the athletic director since 2015 and assistant principal since 2017. He was named the 3A Oregon Athletic Director of the Year in 2020. Erik is a seasoned educator with extensive teaching and coaching experience at the secondary level. He started his teaching and coaching career in 1997 in the small town of Winston, Oregon (home of Wildlife Safari). Two decades ago he made his way up north to 4J, where he taught social studies at Churchill for 5 years and coached varsity baseball for 10 years.

Erik is committed to enhancing students' educational and athletic excellence by establishing and pursuing an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. He strives to build a positive culture within an athletic department, promote sportsmanship, and nurture leadership skills in coaches and student athletes. He is excited to rejoin our 4J team and partner with students, staff, coaches, parents, and the community to further the success of Churchill's athletic department.

Sheldon High School Assistant Principal / Athletic Director: Ricky Rodriguez

Ricky Rodriguez is coming to Team Eugene from Springfield High School, where he has served as an athletic trainer and CTE teacher since 2014. He has worked as an athletic trainer at high schools around Oregon for more than 15 years and served as the head athletic trainer for OHSU in Portland. (Fun fact: Ricky also has been a professional baseball umpire for the NCAA and for Minor League Baseball.)

Ricky is passionate about student outcomes. He aims to foster an inclusive and engaging athletic environment in conjunction with academic rigor to prepare students for lifelong success. He believes a successful athletic program brings communities together and develops success in the classroom and in life. His experience, leadership skills, and commitment to equitable opportunities will benefit students and staff on and off the court at Sheldon High School.

South Eugene High School Assistant Principal: Ricci Huling

Ricci Huling is returning to 4J from Fern Ridge School District, where she has served as assistant principal at Elmira High School for the past two years. Before becoming an administrator, Ricci taught at all school levels, starting in 2003 in 4J at River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School, and later at North Eugene and Churchill high schools and Agnes Stewart Middle School in Springfield.

Ricci is a strong believer in teamwork and has been involved in two projects partnering with the University of Oregon to close achievement gaps through relationships and restorative justice practices. She views every interaction with a student as an opportunity to remind them that they are worthy and valued and that they will be supported on their path to reach the goals they choose. Ricci's work ethic, empathy for kids, and advocacy for equitable education will serve South Eugene students, families and staff well.

Please join me in greeting Ricky Rodriguez and welcoming back Erik Hoberg and Ricci Huling to 4J, and congratulating Sebastian Bolden on his new position.

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