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Happy Friday Team,

As we turn our sights to summer, I have more changes to our administrative team to share.

Elementary Curriculum and MTSS Administrator: Erin Gaston. Erin has been selected for this district-level leadership position after serving as the principal at Howard Elementary since 2020 and Madison Middle assistant principal the year prior. Erin has been teaching in 4J since 2006, including at Howard, Gilham and River Road/El Camino del Río elementary schools. She also has served in district-level roles as a summer school administrator, an instructional coach, essential skills coordinator, and as a teacher on special assignment. One of her greatest passions as an educator is supporting teaching and learning through quality materials and professional development. She is an enthusiastic and proactive leader and team player with proven track record of collaborating with innovative professionals to raise the level of instructional practices and student achievement. Erin is excited to continue to support our amazing educators, staff members, and students in her new role.

Secondary Curriculum and MTSS Administrator: Adrienne Pierce. For the past year, Adrienne has been serving as 4J's Elementary Curriculum Administrator. She started in 4J as a French teacher at Roosevelt Middle and Sheldon High in 2013, then taught at Charlemagne French Immersion Elementary for five years before joining the administrator ranks in 2020 as principal at Guy Lee Dual Immersion Elementary in Springfield. Adrienne seeks to model warm commanding leadership, team building, and clear communication and to foster an educational environment where student, staff, and family voice is valued and encouraged. Her priorities are equity, curricular innovation, effective systems, curiosity, and cultural relevancy. Adrienne looks forward to building community collaboration and academic achievement for all in her new role.

HR Administrator (Licensed): Morgan Christensen. Morgan has been the Title IX coordinator since last spring, serving as the district's point of contact for Title IX and Oregon sexual harassment law. Prior to this district-level position, Morgan served as principal of Kennedy Middle School for five years and principal of the co-located Chinese Immersion since 2021. In his two decades with 4J, he also has worked as an assistant principal of Churchill High School, interim assistant principal of Arts & Technology Academy and a teacher at Roosevelt Middle School. He earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Oregon. Morgan is a committed educational leader whose collaborative approach will be a great addition to our human resources department as one of the administrators supporting our licensed bargaining group.

Madison Middle School Principal: Justin Corey. Justin is an experienced educator and secondary administrator, who comes to 4J from Junction City where he has been associate principal at Junction City High School for the past two years. Before being promoted to the high school level, he was administrator at Oaklea Middle School in Junction City—three years as principal and five as assistant principal. He also has 15 years of in-the-classroom experience. Fun fact, for the past 26 summers, Justin has lead a group of 11th graders on a two-week community service project in Costa Rica! He believes that “every student can be successful with the right amount of CARE: Confidence, Attitude, Respect and Encouragement.” His goal is to create a positive, safe and enjoyable learning environment to shape early learners into lifelong learners.

Howard Elementary School Principal: Charlie Jett. Charlie, Oregon’s 2022 Elementary Principal of the Year, returns to 4J from Springfield Public Schools where he has served as principal at Two Rivers/Dos Rios Elementary since 2016. You may recognize Charlie's name—he was assistant principal at Kelly Middle School from 2013–16. Charlie is committed to building relationships, supporting students and staff, and cultivating a school community of shared ownership. He will draw on his extensive experience with diverse populations to champion equity at Howard and to promote a love of learning based on teamwork, collaboration, use of technology, integration of subject matter, and excellence.

Spencer Butte Middle School Assistant Principal: Carlos Sequeria. Carlos comes to 4J from Lane ESD, where he served as the assistant superintendent for the past seven years. Prior to Lane ESD, Carlos was the director of district collaboration at Bethel School District and principal at Sherwood High School in Tualatin. He earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Oregon. All together, he has nearly 20 years of experience as a secondary administrator. He is a native Spanish speaker and started his education career nearly 30 years ago as a high school beginning French teacher. Carlos is committed to working relentlessly and collaboratively to support and implement effective, authentic, and culturally sustaining instructional practices. He aims to advance equitable systems that acknowledge, support, nurture and grow the “talent, resilience, and genius” of our students, so they may thrive in their post-secondary pursuits and life goals.

Gilham Elementary School Assistant Principal: Tom Piowaty. Tom has been principal at Yujin Gakuen Japanese Immersion Elementary School since 2012 and in education for more than 30 years. Before YG, Tom served as director of student services for Central Linn School District and principal at Central Linn Elementary. Tom and Gilham principal Lavinia Page worked together at YG and look forward to doing so again!

Please join me in congratulating Erin, Adrienne, Morgan and Tom on their new positions, welcoming Justin and Carlos to 4J, and welcoming back Charlie!

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