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Happy Monday! Two more administrative changes for 2023–24:

Student Services Director: Seth Pfaefflin

Seth will be the new director of Student Services, taking over from Kat Lange who was named executive director of Youth & Family Support Services. Seth has more than 25 years of experience in education and leadership roles, and has worked at the elementary, middle and high school levels. For the past 10 years, he has served as a student services administrator. Previously in 4J, he worked in a variety of special education positions, including as a special education teacher, autism consultant, and special education consultant. Before joining 4J in 2004, Seth was a middle school special education teacher in Springfield School District. He started his education career in New Hampshire in 1997 as a school counselor. Seth's commitment to collaboration, relationships, and creativity drives his dedication to working with families, staff, students, and community partners in advancing our special education inclusion models. His profound equity values form the foundation of his ongoing efforts. Seth has a passion for improving systems and outcomes for students with disabilities, and is excited to be taking the helm as Student Services Director.

Kennedy Middle School Principal: Laura Clark

Laura Clark has been selected as the new principal of Kennedy Middle School. Laura is a seasoned secondary educator with 15 years of experience. She has been an assistant principal at Churchill for the past year and at Lincoln Middle School in Cottage Grove for the previous three years. Before becoming an administrator, Laura taught math at Lincoln Middle School, math and science at three 4J middle schools—including at Kennedy for three years—and, before that, she was a secondary math and SPED teacher in Medford School District. Laura has the knowledge, experience and desire to support staff, students, and the community, and she looks forward to returning to the middle school level and to Kennedy. Laura's optimism, compassion, sense of humor, and studentcentered perspective make her a great fit to be Kennedy's next principal.

Congratulations on your new positions, Seth and Laura!

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