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Happy Friday Team,

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we have several more administrative changes to announce for the 2024-25 school year.

## Courtney Leonard has been named Secondary Curriculum Administrator.

Courtney will replace Adrienne Pierce who we previously announced will be moving to an assistant principal position at NEHS. Courtney has been principal at Roosevelt Middle School since 2020. She has extensive experience in 4J. She began her educational career as a teacher in the IHS program at South Eugene High School in 1999, then moved into school leadership in 2006, first as IHS head teacher then to North Eugene High School as the IB coordinator and assistant principal / small school principal in 2012. She moved to the Portland area for a couple of years to serve as assistant principal at Hillsboro High School. But we were fortunate to have her return to Eugene in 2018 to be principal of Charlemagne French Immersion Elementary School and then Roosevelt. Courtney's focus on academic rigor and excellence, belief in and support of every student, commitment to educational equity, and positive and collaborative approach are key qualities that will serve students, families and staff well in her new role.

Mark Hinthorn is the new Principal at Buena Vista Spanish Immersion Elementary. Mark is replacing Stephanie Randall, who we previously announced will be the new principal at Twin Oaks Elementary. Mark brings 21 years of experience in education, including 12 years as the assistant principal at McMinnville High School and seven years as the principal of Newby Elementary School, where he implemented a two-way dual language immersion program that earned the school recognition as a Distinguished School by the Oregon Department of Education. He holds both a bachelor's degree in communication

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and Spanish and an ESL endorsement. He is fluent in Spanish. Known for his dedication to fostering bilingualism, biliteracy, and igniting a passion for learning, Mark also enjoys immersing himself in Mexican culture and traditions during his frequent trips to Oaxaca, Mexico. His expertise, cultural connections and leadership skills will greatly benefit the Buena Vista community.

## K.C. Bodily has been named Assistant Principal at Willagillespie

**Elementary.** K.C. is an seasoned administrator with extensive experience as an elementary principal and middle school assistant principal. He served as principal at Spring Creek Elementary for the past two years and was previously an elementary and middle school principal in Fairbanks, Alaska, for eight years. K.C. also worked in two remote Alaskan Native villages, first as a teacher and then as a K–12 principal. He has centered his education career around understanding the cultures of the students and families he serves. K.C. is dedicated to creating a high-quality, safe and positive learning environment where students are excited about and engaged in their education. He looks forward to contributing to the Willagillespie team in the newly created AP position.

Rebecca Boyd will serve as Assistant Principal at Holt Elementary. With 24 years of experience in teaching and early childhood education, including her current role as an instructional coach at Gilham Elementary and before that as 4J staff development specialist, Rebecca has a proven track record of fostering inclusive and effective learning environments. Not only has she taught kindergarten at Spring Creek and River Road/El Camino del Río (and first and second grades in North Carolina), she has led professional development, supported school goals, and created innovative systems to enhance academic outcomes. Passionate about cultural competence and diversity, Rebecca has served as an equity and inclusion facilitator. She believes in fostering strong connections with colleagues and problem-solving opportunities to grow in best practices for all students. Her dedication and expertise will make a significant positive impact to the Holt community in this new role.

## Tamara Hughes will serve as Assistant Principal at Howard Elementary.

Though new to 4J, Tamara brings 26 years of diverse educational experience, including her most recent role as a special education teacher and leadership team member at Arrowwood Elementary in Castle Rock, Colorado. She brings a wealth of knowledge in special education and a commitment to fostering a

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positive and inclusive school culture. Throughout her career, Tamara has consistently demonstrated her ability to ignite a passion for learning in students and teachers alike. She looks forward to establishing strong collaborative relationships with Howard staff to foster an environment of teamwork and shared success. Her ability to inspire and support both students and staff in this newly created position will make a significant impact on the Howard community.

Please join me in congratulating Courtney, K.C. and Rebecca on their new positions and welcoming Mark and Tamara to 4J.

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