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Happy Friday, Team!

We have a few more changes to our administrative team to announce for the 2024-25 school year.

**George Gillett has been named principal at Edgewood Elementary.** George is returning to Eugene and 4J from Phoenix, Arizona, where he has served as principal of Boulder Creek Elementary for the past five years. Some of you may remember George, who was AP at Spencer Butte Middle from 2016-19. Additionally, he worked as a teacher and administrative intern at Guy Lee Elementary, next door in Springfield.

We are happy to have him back in 4J. George takes a collaborative approach to leadership, fostering an environment of trust and open dialogue among staff. He believes in empowering every staff member to contribute to student success, utilizing data-driven strategies for targeted interventions that ensure equitable opportunities for all students. George prioritizes transparency and empathy to ensure that all voices are heard and valued in the decision-making process. His focus on regular engagement with parents and staff to foster meaningful dialogue and a shared sense of ownership in the school's vision will serve the Edgewood community well.

**Mike Yocum will be stepping into the role of interim principal at Roosevelt Middle School.** Mike, who has served as assistant principal at Roosevelt since 2013, brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the school's community. He is replacing Courtney Leonard, who was previously announced as the new secondary curriculum administrator. Before joining 4J and RMS, Mike taught English in the Dominican Republic while serving in the Peace Corps, taught Spanish in Colorado, and worked as a behavioral consultant for the Fern Ridge School District. His earlier career included roles as a special education instructional assistant and teacher in 4J middle schools. Mike's leadership as assistant principal has been marked by his ability to connect with students, staff, and families, and his transition to interim principal will continue to support and uplift the Roosevelt community. Stay tuned for information regarding the open assistant principal position.

**Blanca Flores will be the new human resources administrator supporting classified staff.** With over a decade of experience in human resources, Blanca has a strong background in managing HR functions, including recruitment, labor relations, and employee engagement.

She is replacing Bernadette Adeniran, who was previously announced to be taking the HR director position at Multnomah ESD. Blanca holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Spanish, and a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management from the University of Oregon. Blanca is also a certified professional by the Society of Human Resources. She has worked at Head Start of Lane County since 2014, starting as enrollment coordinator and then progressing to HR Specialist. In 2022, she was promoted to HR Manager, where she oversaw HR operations for over 350 employees. Blanca is passionate about diversity and committed to fostering a positive work environment.

In other news, **Morgan Christensen**, HR administrator supporting licensed staff, has accepted a position as the Executive Director of Human Resources at Lane ESD. Morgan has been a dedicated staff member of the 4J community for 22 years, starting as a teacher at Roosevelt Middle. He has served as Assistant Principal at Churchill High and Principal at both Kennedy Middle and Chinese Immersion Elementary. Before his current position as an HR administrator, he served as the district's first Title IX Coordinator. Morgan's integrity, collaborative skills, and overall contributions to 4J will be greatly missed. We wish him the best in his new role at Lane ESD.

Let's congratulate George, Mike, Blanca and Morgan on their new positions, and extend a heartfelt thank you to Morgan for his exceptional service.

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