

Greetings Yamhill-Carlton School Community!

I can't tell you how proud and excited I am to be invited to serve the Yamhill-Carlton School District as superintendent and to join you in moving the mission to "champion the growth of our students." Our work together to support the well-being of our children has never been more critical and I look forward to moving forward with spirit, hope, and optimism during these challenging and changing times.

I come to you as a native Oregonian who grew up in a farming community in the heart of the valley. I have two teenage children who, like so many of us, are also working through the school and social challenges of the times. I am hoping my collective experiences as a teacher, coach, athletic/activities director, assistant principal, curriculum director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent can bring the support necessary to successfully guide this transitional year.

I know you are all anxious to hear about our plans for re-opening school this fall. Our planning team has been meeting and will be meeting regularly over the next two weeks to draft plans based on the guidance we are receiving through Governor's Orders, Oregon Department of Education guidance, and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. We will be reaching out to you via survey very soon to hear of your hopes, fears, and needs for the year. I can share that we are designing plans with a goal of maximizing on-site learning time for students. We know that there will be some distance learning and there will be a lot of learning about new health and safety protocols involved, but we really believe that having students safely in school with their teachers, coaches, advisors, and support staff will best serve our students and our school community. We look forward to hearing your feedback. I will update this message regularly and will do my best to keep you informed and updated as information changes and/or emerges.

Again I want to share my appreciation for this opportunity to serve and this chance to introduce myself. I look forward to seeing you at school and I thank you in advance for your support in getting kids back in school this fall. It won't be easy, but together, we know that our motto of Small Schools, Big Achievements will continue to be a reality. Please take care and find time to do those things that keep you healthy and well.

With Spirit,

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