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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new principal of Cordua Elementary School and to join this extraordinary school community. I hope that this message finds you enjoying the rejuvenating days of summer and that you and your children are looking forward to beginning a wonderful school year together in August. I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for your children each and every day while providing them a high-quality learning environment.

The 2023-2024 school year will mark my 28th year in education. I spent the majority of my educational career at Olivehurst Elementary, where I served as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and special education teacher. Additionally, I worked as an interim principal at Olivehurst Elementary, an assistant principal at Arboga Elementary, spent a year at Cordua Elementary teaching a 2nd/3rd grade class, and this past year I was the Assistant Principal of Johnson Park Elementary. Although I have always felt at home in the classroom, it is in my position as an elementary principal where I have been most fulfilled in my life's work. The elementary principalship provides me the chance to work collaboratively with teachers on a daily basis, while also remaining connected to young students learning and growing in the classroom. I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the partnership between home and school builds confidence in students to use their powers to shape their future, the future of our community, and the future of our nation.

My conversations with district staff and families over the last few months have brought me privileged insights into the core beliefs and values that underlie Cordua Elementary. With my goal of continuing the tradition of excellence, I am committed to always exploring new ways to meet the needs of all students and to effectively communicate with parents and community members. Cordua Elementary has a strong commitment to academic achievement, and I am thrilled to work in partnership to ensure our students receive a meaningful and challenging educational experience.

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. Please feel free to email, call, or stop by anytime. I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input throughout this year. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during the 2023-2024 school year!

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