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## South Washington County Schools

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Greetings Park High School Scholars, Parents, and Guardians:

As your new principal, I will briefly introduce myself. I am beginning my 26<sup>th</sup> year as a public school educator! Twenty years of my career were spent in South Washington County Schools where I was a teacher and an assistant principal. From 2014-19 I served as the Principal of Red Wing High School. Now, I am grateful to be returning to South Washington County Schools as the new principal of the **PARK HIGH SCHOOL WOLFPACK!** I am excited to return to this community and eager to embrace the responsibility of leading our great school!

As we embark on our journey together, Park High School will continue to strive to meet the needs of its students. With the ever changing and dynamic local and world economy, it is more important than ever to prepare our students to be life-long learners. Rigorous course offerings like International Baccalaureate and Advance Placement will be as important as ever in preparing students for the rigors of college and a global economy. Furthermore, the current economic trend in Minnesota and across the country is demanding a more dynamic work force that can meet the needs of "high-tech" manufacturing, computer coding, healthcare, welding, machining, and many other skilled labor industry jobs. Many jobs in Minnesota are not being filled today because there are not enough skilled or high-tech skilled workers.

My personal vision for Park High School is that all students graduate prepared with a post high school plan that meets their interests and needs. We will do that by: providing more learning opportunities that are personalized to student interest areas; providing a robust career exploration program where students can learn about careers from industry professionals; guiding students in developing their Global Dexterity (working in a diverse society and economy); promoting all career pathway preparation options available to students (school to work, military, certificate programs, two year associate and technical programs, four year baccalaureate programs, graduate degree programs). Minnesota has a very robust economy with demands across all sectors. This vision should provide pathways accessible for all Park High School Graduates.

It has been said, "it takes a village to raise a child." I am eager to collaborate with our scholars, their families and the greater community in preparing our students for a bright and successful future. The staff at Park High School stand ready to serve to meet the needs of our scholars!

Go Wolfpack!

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