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Hello Ravenna Community,

I am excited for the opportunity that the Board of Education and the great Ravenna community has offered me - the chance to lead a school district that values relationships, academic achievement and community pride. I know as I begin my first year as the Superintendent of the Ravenna School District that I have the support of a veteran School Board and the knowledge and talent of a dedicated teaching and administrative staff to ensure that the students of the Ravenna School District are well cared for and nurtured.

As we start this school year, I wanted to take a minute to communicate to you my overarching philosophy as it relates to school leadership - and that is to "lead with love". Regardless of the content or the age group of our students it is imperative that all students, and by extension, their families, feel the love of a district dedicated to their success. My decisions, and those of my team, are rooted in the belief that love and kindness are the cornerstones of any and all successes.

I also wanted to share a little of my educational background and work experience. After earning a Bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University in Comprehensive Social Studies, I taught high school Social Studies and coached field hockey, basketball and softball for Bexley City Schools before working for Rockwell International as an Industrial Engineer. After a few years in the private sector, I realized how much I missed teaching and coaching and began teaching (and coaching) at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus, Ohio where I also earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. When the opportunity arose to move to Virginia and continue teaching I took a chance, and began teaching with the Chesterfield County School District (a 65,000 student district) and Campbell County Schools (closer to 4000 students). Eventually I received my administrative endorsement from Longwood University and became first a Dean, then an Assistant Principal and finally the Principal of L.C. Bird High School with the Chesterfield district. Along the way, I earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy from Virginia Tech. Wanting to return to Ohio to be closer to family, I became the Principal of Twinsburg High School, where I served from 2018-2021.

My personal life has also afforded me many leadership roles, and I have been a Division 1 field hockey and women's lacrosse official as well as the Chair of the Board of Directors for US Lacrosse (now USA Lacrosse). These positions have allowed me to grow as a person and a leader, and I look forward to putting to the test the lessons learned from these experiences here at the Ravenna School District.

Thank you for your trust and your willingness to partner with me as we work together to achieve great things for your children, our students. Let's get to work!

Respectfully,

Dr. Laura Hebert  
Superintendent