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Hello Ravenna!

The first 60 days of my time as Superintendent is in the books! It has been a whirlwind of activity, with opportunities to meet students and families, faculty and staff, and important community members – all dedicated to impacting our students in a positive manner!

One of my favorite things to do as a way to meet students and build relationships with staff is to help with lunch duty. I love being among the kids and listening to their conversations – it gives me great insight into what they are experiencing as a Ravenna Raven.

The district has many irons in the fire to make that experience even better.

Our Director of Curriculum, Susan Huth, is **committed** to implementing a literacy initiative to prepare our students for success during their K-12 years - and beyond. Our Human Resources Director, Ben Ribelin, is **committed** to hiring the best and the brightest educators for our students, while Stephen York, Director of Business Operations, is **committed** to keeping our buildings maintained.

Jay Newcome, Director of Technology, is **committed** to making sure the most up-to-date technology makes it into the hands of our students and teachers so they are prepared for success, and Jessica Haynes, Director of Special Education, is **committed** to ensuring that our most vulnerable students are cared for and protected while receiving a quality education.

As you can see, the common thread among these educators is **commitment**. We are here to provide the support needed for all of our students so that they are ready and able to “take on the world.”

The three-legged stool is often used as a metaphor in education, and for good reason. The 3-way partnership between parents, teachers, and students creates the environment students need for success. As importantly, academics, along with social and emotional learning, are also necessary for success. Our teachers and school administration are **committed** to providing these three legs of support for all students.

“Lead with Love” is our motto, and we are grateful for your willingness to partner with us in that effort.

As I continue to reach out in the community at sporting events, community events, or at academic events, I look forward to meeting you, and working with you to continue Ravenna’s tradition of excellence.

Respectfully,

Laura Hebert, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

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