

Good morning parents of families of PHS students

I look forward to serving the Philomath community as the interim principal, starting on December 1st, at Philomath High School through the end of the 2021-22 school year. My passion and professional history is built around being a servant leader with the goal of helping students find their own best "next steps". I've always had an open door policy with the intent of hearing all perspectives to develop the best possible outcomes for all. I have a lot to learn about PHS and I will lean on Mr. Matta and the PHS team to find the best ways to serve the staff and students.

History: I taught business, some math, and a little PE for 25 years before moving into administration. I was an assistant principal at West Albany HS for 4 years and then the principal at South Albany HS for 8 years. I retired in 2018 and worked for AVID as a staff developer and consultant in Oregon, Washington, and Utah for two years. Last year I was hired in Lincoln County to launch an alternative school for middle school students and help at Newport MS. I "re-retired" last June and planned to stay that way until Mr. Matta called to see if I could help. I coached football and wrestling and was a head wrestling coach for 20 years. I've been married to Candy for 43 years, have two daughters -- one is a teacher in Scio married to a machinist and the other is a hair stylist married to a teacher in Albany. I have three grandchildren (Harper, Olivia, Brock) who bring much joy into my life.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your school and for the opportunity to engage with your students. I strongly believe that one kind, caring adult can make all the difference to our students. Let's have a great year and grow together in 2021-22.

Sincerely

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