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Dear Neptune City School Community,

It is with deep gratitude and great enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the next Chief School Administrator and Principal of the Woodrow Wilson School. I am truly honored to join this dedicated school community, and I look forward to working collaboratively to support the continued growth, excellence, and well-being of our students, faculty, and families.

With nearly 20 years in education and more than a decade of administrative experience, I bring a broad and balanced perspective to this role, having served in both central office capacities as a PK-12 Curriculum Supervisor and as a PK-8 Building Principal. These opportunities have provided me with valuable insight into the systems and relationships that drive successful schools, and they have reinforced my belief in the power of collaboration, communication, and community in creating thriving educational environments.

My academic background underscores a strong commitment to lifelong learning and educational excellence. I have earned Post-Master's Certifications in School Leadership, including endorsements as a School Administrator, Principal, and Supervisor. Additionally, I hold a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications. These credentials have significantly informed my leadership approach and reinforced my dedication to fostering inclusive, student-centered educational environments where all students and educators are empowered to thrive.

At the heart of my leadership philosophy is a deep appreciation for the value of family. My wife, Leigh Ann, and I are proud parents of two wonderful children—Lillian, who will be entering sixth grade, and Tyler, who is heading into third grade. As both an educator and a parent, I understand the hopes and aspirations families have for their children. I bring that same commitment and care to every decision I make as an educational leader.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with all of you and provide opportunities to hear what you feel are the strengths and challenges of our district when I formally assume this role on August 1, 2025. These conversations will be essential in building meaningful relationships and ensuring that every voice is heard as we shape the future goals of the Woodrow Wilson School. Together we will continue to nurture a school culture rooted in respect, transparency, and academic achievement.

Thank you to the Board of Education and school community for the opportunity to serve the Neptune City School District. I am excited about all that we will accomplish together.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Daniel Layton