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**Mr. Hayden Moore**

**Acting Superintendent of Schools**

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Dear Neighbors, Friends, and Fellow West Orange Residents,

It is my pleasure to assume the role of Superintendent of Schools and introduce myself to the West Orange Community as the Acting Superintendent, a precursor to my appointment of Superintendent of Schools scheduled for July 1, 2023.

Inasmuch as I am a proud long-time resident of West Orange and district employee, this new role allows me to assess our district from a broader perspective and carefully consider how to move us forward. I do not expect the road ahead to be easy or without opposition. However, my commitment will be unwavering in putting our children first, with a focus on student achievement, and social and emotional growth.

Like you, I have chosen to make West Orange my home and will be here for the long term. Like you, I treasure the gifts that a diverse and comprehensive district such as ours provides our children. Like you, I know that places like West Orange have the solution to many of our societal issues.

I, too, am a parent. I have three children, including my daughter Mia, who graduated from West Orange High School in 2022, my son Hayden, who is currently attending Edison Middle School, and my younger son Nicholas, who attends Kelly Elementary School.

Here in West Orange, we know that our schools, with their halls filled with the cultures of the world, are places where our children see each other as beautiful, incredible, varied and interesting individuals, who fill the community with a global perspective that drives broader and more inclusive perspectives.

As I begin my tenure as Superintendent, I ask for your steady support and patience. We have an extraordinary foundation, but we still have much work to complete. As we continue on our journey together, know that my goal is a full commitment to investing in further developing the pride we have in our schools that serve our children.

Thank you for the outpouring of encouragement I have felt so far - which has been incredible; I truly and deeply appreciate the words and support that you have sent my way. I am devoted to the West Orange School District; I have chosen to entrust my children to the same system as you; and I know that together we will always be better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hayden Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Hayden Moore.  
Acting Superintendent of Schools