



**DAYVILLE
SCHOOL
DISTRICT 16J**

Dear Dayville community,

I wish to welcome you one more time to our new school year. May you, your family and our students and staff have a most wonderful experience this year. We are here to serve you at the highest levels in education.

As a new Superintendent, I wish to share with you my initial impressions of our staff and students during our first two short weeks of school.

Students: I am so very impressed with each and every one of our students. I have seen our students during the first five days of school being very attentive and ready to learn. I have seen our students demonstrating a very high level of care and enthusiasm. Please know that one of my most joyful experiences as an educator is when I step into the classroom almost every day. In classrooms, I see students paying very close attention to their teachers, and their school work. With me personally, students have been very curious and have been engaging me wanting to know about me. I love talking with them and answering their questions.

Staff: I am as equally impressed. In Dayville, we have a serving educational staff that is so caring and so focused on what students need. Please know that I have been an educator for about thirty years, and I don't make these statements lightly. I am privileged to work with such an amazing and well-prepared staff at all levels from our kitchen to every single learning space in our school. At the personal level, I am looking forward to learning and growing with students and staff. Dear community, we are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff in our district.

Lastly, I will share with you a tidbit about the ice-cream social event this last Wednesday August 28th. To be perfectly honest, I was so very happy to see such high level of attendance to our first community event. I am so grateful to each and every one who gave us their time and presence. From the heart, I offer my deepest level of gratitude to not only community members, but also to our district staff, and students in attendance. Thank you for being there with us. Last but not least, I wish to recognize and honor our schoolboard. They could barely keep up with their ice cream scoops, and dished out the sweet treats with such big and bright smiles on their faces. Dear board, to each of you I say, this community is so lucky to have you selflessly serving them as elected officials in the Dayville community.

Again, Dayville community, it is an honor to be a servant leader in our school district and community.

With a lot of gratitude,

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