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From the office of Mr. Jacob Sholtis, Principal

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Parents, guardians, and students,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself as the new principal of the Wyoming Valley West high school. I am truly excited about my new role and look forward to continuing to provide the quality education and social experience we pride ourselves on as a district.

Obviously, over the past few months our world has changed drastically. The COVID-19 virus brought with it complications to our daily life we could have never anticipated. The impact on education was no exception. Having the 2019-2020 school year cut short changed the way in which we viewed instructional delivery and learning as a whole. While challenging, platforms like Google Classroom became the new norm and fortunately, our student population rose to that challenge, making the best of an undesirable situation.

While the future may be uncertain, 15 years in this district has made me very certain that Spartans always rise to the occasion. Whether it be athletics, fundraising, overcoming challenges, or excelling academically, there are few schools that can compete with us. Our ability to unite for a common goal is unsurpassed and that is why I am so proud to be affiliated with Wyoming Valley West.

Going forward, my vision for the high school is simple – to work toward constant improvement, no matter how minimal. This goes for students, staff, and administration. My motto as an elementary principal was “make today better than yesterday.” I feel this philosophy is still appropriate at the secondary level. By focusing on improving, even if in small increments, we know we are always looking ahead. A big part of a school’s success is also to promote the positives. By doing so, we will leave little room for negatives to weigh us down. Think of it as forcing out the bad by focusing on the good. I feel these are achievable goals we can get behind together.

In closing, a student’s success is driven by a solid support team. We are all a part of that team. By working together and communicating effectively, we can help to guarantee the best experience possible. That being said, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my administrative staff should you ever have questions or concerns. Together, we will continue on the path toward excellence!

Stay safe and be well!

Regards,

Jacob Sholtis