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Dear Margaret Beeks Elementary School Community,

I am excited to introduce myself to you as your new principal for the 2021-2022 school year! I have served in education for over 25 years and could not be happier to have found my new home at Margaret Beeks Elementary.

I started my career in Roanoke County, teaching Social Studies and Mathematics at both the middle school and the high school levels. I taught at Glenvar Middle School and Glenvar High School, which is also my alma mater. After 15 years in the classroom, I moved into administration with Roanoke City Public Schools and served at both the middle school and the elementary levels. The elementary level has become my passion as this is where the foundation for all of a student's educational career begins! I am determined that every student have the best introduction to school that they can possibly have.

Education was always a priority for my family. I am a third generation educator. My grandmother taught in a one-room school house, my father was a professor at Roanoke College and my mother taught home economics. After I completed my undergraduate degree at Roanoke College, I earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech and later earned my Ph.D. from Tech as well. So to say that I am happy as a Hokie to be back in Blacksburg is an understatement!

My vision for our school is to continue the tradition of high academic standards and to connect with each and every student where they are. Relationship building is a priority for me and I plan on spending most of my time in classrooms with students.

I always have an open door policy so you are more than welcome to call or come by the school if you ever have a need to speak with me. We will be holding a Meet and Greet here at the school on Thursday, July 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. so I encourage you to come by the school and say hi! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your student(s) during the coming year!

Sincerely,

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