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Dear Members of the MVMS, RES and MES Community,

I wanted to take this time to update you on some staffing changes that will be taking place over the summer as we inch closer to combining our three schools into Mountain Valley Community School in 2025.

Principal Cheryl Gurney resigned as the principal at MVMS and retired Principal George Reuter is helping us out for the remainder of this school year. Principal Carrie Luce from RES will be the principal of MVMS next school year. Mrs. Luce has had experience as a middle school principal as well as a teacher at this level. She along with Assistant Principal Chris Brennick will be focused on MVMS.

At the elementary level, Principal Jodi Ellis, along with a new assistant elementary principal, will lead RES and MES beginning next school year. All four of these leaders will be working together as our three schools transition into one, Mountain Valley Community School (MVCS).

Change is difficult, but it can be exciting. It is a time to seek opportunities for improvement. With our transition to our new school over the next couple of years it is important that we take these opportunities seriously.

Sincerely,

Deb Alden
Superintendent of Schools