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As we begin the 2023-24 school year, it's with great enthusiasm that I, as the new principal, welcome you to South Summit High School, home of the Wildcats!

As an SSHS alumni, former SSHS paraeducator, SSHS English teacher, choir teacher, assistant cheer coach, and parent of three grown sons who also graduated from SSHS, I take great pride in our school community. I bleed green and white, and for each person who enters our doors, whether student, staff member, or community member, it is my hope that you feel that same pride.

South Summit High School has produced some incredible adults who are making a difference in the world through their chosen professions and through the lives they are living. For a small school, we offer incredible academic and vocational opportunities, and it is my hope that the students here find value in their education and have a passion for making our school community a better place by their having been here.

We have some lofty goals for this school year, and it will take all of us to work towards our school vision of creating a place where students want to be because they feel safe, valued, engaged, and prepared for the next steps after high school; a place where staff members feel safe, valued, respected, and professionally supported; and a place that community members want to support.

As we strive to implement a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system, we ask that students take an active role in following and living up to the expectations that will help create a safe learning space so that all who enter our learning environment can feel valued, engaged, and prepared.

Please take the opportunity to review our PBIS plan as well as our student handbook so that you can be informed. We also urge you to get involved. We want our students to see purpose and meaning in their high school experience. And, we want our students leaving SSHS having the same sense of Wildcat pride that keeps drawing us back to SSHS!

With joy and gratitude for the opportunity to be the principal at SSHS,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Rydalch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Kena W. Rydalch

South Summit High School Principal