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Dear North Little Rock School District Community,

It is my pleasure to officially introduce myself to the greater community for the 2020-2021 school year. I consider it a true privilege to have been appointed by the North Little Rock Board of Education as your new Superintendent of Schools. Simply put, it is an honor for my wife Bianca and me to serve this community and all of our stakeholders in my new role.

First, the North Little Rock School District (NLRSD) has done an exceptional job opening schools for this academic year in the midst of a global pandemic under the leadership of the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Keith McGee. Thus, the collaboration and work of district leaders, administrators, teachers, staff, and community stakeholders are evident in the district's *Re-Entry Plan*. As an educator for 23 years, I wholeheartedly value the educational services established to support both virtual and face-to-face instruction for each of our students and their families given COVID-19. Know that we will continue to monitor our implementation plan and will make the necessary adjustments as needed throughout the year.

Second, I have anxiously started my 100 Day Transition Plan, which is designed to acclimate new executive leaders into an organization with ease. By meeting with individuals and small groups over the next 100 days, I seek to listen and learn about our school district's culture, climate, and environment while better understanding our greatest strengths, challenges, and key issues that need immediate attention. Following this process, I will present a final report to our Board of Education and the community in February 2021.

Third, I am looking forward to meeting the students, parents, teachers, administrators and the NLRSD community during a series of virtual meet-and-greet sessions scheduled for each school. Please see the attached announcement for specific dates and times.

Finally, while serving as your Superintendent of Schools, I plan to be accessible to all stakeholders and maintain an open door communication policy. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you have about our schools and can be reached directly at (501) 771-8006.

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It is an exciting time for the North Little Rock School District, and I am looking forward to our journey to greatness together.

Please be safe and healthy.

Sincerely

Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools