



PARADISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Learners and Families of Paradise Elementary School,

I am humbled and eager to begin serving the learners, families, and staff of Paradise Elementary School. Through my experiences, I have learned that every district and school has an identity and culture that represents the values of its' community. I look forward to building relationships with all of you in an effort to understand the essential elements that make us PV Proud! While I am new to the district, I am no stranger to Pequea Valley. My wife is a PV graduate and I have participated in many community events within the district during the past 17-years. My goal in building relationships is to earn your trust, which is essential in fostering an ideal learning environment for our children.

I grew up in a working class suburb outside of Philadelphia. My parents instilled in me the values of education, a strong work ethic, and the will to care for others. A teacher for almost 40 years, my mother taught me that empowering children to become the best version of themselves is the noblest of professions. A father of two young children myself, I understand the daily sacrifices and challenges that we are faced with in raising the best versions of our children. I look to partner with you and our facilitators as we inspire our children to become future leaders in our community.

During my first year as principal, I desire to nurture a culture of trust, support, and excellence:

Trust – Build lasting relationships, maintain transparent and timely communication, learn our traditions

Support – Every learner, facilitator, and staff member is unique. I plan to build their capacity and empower them with necessary resources to be their best.

Excellence – I expect the best from others and even more from myself. I make the choice to strive for excellence each day and model what I expect from others. - *excerpt from Jimmy Casas "Culturize."*

Together, I look forward to creating the ideal learning environment for each of our learners, which will include their academic, social and emotional well-being. We want each learner to reach their full potential in each of these areas as they work towards being prepared to achieve their post-secondary First Choice! Paradise Elementary will play a critical role in your learner's journey to this destination. Please never hesitate to reach out by email or phone to introduce yourself or ask any questions. I am excited for the opportunity to be your child's principal!

Where Each Learner Counts!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Esche".

Rick Esche

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