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Good afternoon John Burroughs High School, as we prepare to kick off another exciting school year, I want to warmly welcome all of our new students, families, and staff members to the JBHS family.

For those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Kenny Knoop, and I am honored to be entering my fourth year as your principal. Over the last three years, I have seen firsthand what makes JBHS such a special place.

My journey in the Burbank Unified School District started over 40 years ago as a kindergartener at Edison Elementary School. Promoted to Dolores Huerta, (then David Starr Jordan Junior High). After a few short years, I graduated from John Burroughs High School. After college I quickly returned to the BUSD, where I spent many great years as a campus supervisor and a walk on coach. My journey into teaching started as a substitute teacher and eventually a full-time faculty member here at Dolores Huerta (then David Starr Jordan Middle School) teaching Physical Education. While teaching at this school, outside of the classroom, my educational leadership led me to thrive as a department chair, faculty chair and an ASB advisor.

After a decade teaching, I made the move to administration. Since then, I have been a Title I coordinator, an Assistant Principal of Discipline, Attendance, Athletics, Activities, Facilities, Guidance, Mental Health, Special Education, Curriculum and Instruction, and Principal. In the past few years, I have also dedicated my professional development within Burbank Unified Schools to learning and improving our Instructional Strategies, Interventions, Special Education Services and Mental Health programs as well as working hands on with the Instructional Master Schedule creating rigorous yet attainable class offerings for all students. As an administrator, my strengths are my open-door problem-solving style, my ability to listen carefully and find compromise, my knowledge of the schools, the district, and my ability to work amicably in any situation. The mission I set for myself each year is to send our senior class off to college armed with diverse perspectives, strengths, and ambitions, to create a community of students who will challenge and support each other along their common journey through education.

As the leader at John Burroughs High School, I am excited to continue building strong relationships and bridging the gap in equity, diversity and inclusion. I will use consistent communication and listening to what our students need. I will be diligent in making sure that each and every child feels safe in this learning environment. I will continue to advocate for all students no matter their disability, gender, gender identification, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person in association with one or more of these characteristics.

I truly enjoy the challenges of education, working with a team of administrators, teachers, parents, students and stakeholders alike. I am very excited to start another school year as Principal at John Burroughs High School, a school that has a strong reputation for providing high academic achievement and personal growth for its community.

Please remember that my door is always open to you. I sincerely welcome your conversation and input. Moreover, I can't wait to celebrate our collective successes during the 2026-2027 school year.

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