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Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

It is with an overwhelming sense of pride, gratitude, and joy that I introduce myself as the new Dean of Students at Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District. Returning to these hallways is a deeply profound experience for me, as this institution is not just a workplace—it is my alma mater.

Graduating from Turkeyfoot Valley, shaped who I am today, both personally and professionally. I sat in the very same classrooms our students occupy now, walked through these same corridors, and learned from dedicated educators who inspired me to pursue a career in leadership. Coming back to lead the school that gave me my own foundation is the highest honor of my career.

Because I have stood in our students' shoes, I am deeply committed to preserving the traditions that make Turkeyfoot Valley special, while aggressively pursuing the academic excellence, innovation, and inclusivity required for their future success. My goal is to ensure that every student who walks through our doors feels a sense of belonging, safety, and empowerment.

To our students: I know what it means to carry the spirit of this school. I am your biggest advocate, and I am here to help you unlock your greatest potential.

To our parents and families: Thank you for trusting us with your children. I look forward to working as a team to support your child's growth and education.

To our faculty and staff: I am honored to work alongside such a dedicated team. Together, we will continue to build a thriving environment where both teachers and students excel.

I am eager to connect with all of you as the school year progresses. Please feel free to reach out, share your ideas, or simply say hello when you see me at the school. Let's make this an incredible and memorable school year. We Are Turkeyfoot: Excellent and Proud of It!

Warm regards,

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