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**How do you and your school community promote a sense of belongingness?**

At Fox Run, belonging begins with relationships. We work hard to ensure every student, staff member, and family feels seen, valued, and connected. Through our PATH to Success, weekly community meetings, inclusive practices, and family events, we create a culture where everyone matters. I believe belonging isn't just something we talk about—it's something we demonstrate through our actions every day.

**What do you value most about your staff?**

What I value most is their heart, dedication, and unwavering commitment to children. My staff goes above and beyond to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. They show up for one another, embrace challenges, and continually strive to grow. I'm incredibly proud to lead a team that genuinely puts children first.



**How does your school community help you to be a better principal?**

My school community challenges me, inspires me, and reminds me why I love what I do. My staff pushes my thinking, our families offer valuable perspectives, and our students remind me what truly matters. Even after 33 years in education, I'm still learning. I believe the best leaders listen, reflect, and grow alongside their school community.

**What are you most proud of, and what are you striving to do better?**

I'm most proud of the inclusive, caring community we've built at Fox Run and the relationships that make our school special. I'm proud of our staff's commitment to ensuring every child feels they belong. Moving forward, my focus is strengthening instruction, increasing student engagement, and closing achievement gaps so that every child not only feels they belong but also experiences success. That's what drives me every day.