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I am excited and truly humbled to serve as superintendent of Bartlesville schools. It has been an honor to serve under Dr. Gary Quinn, and I wish him nothing but the best for his retirement. It is a blessing to work alongside our amazing teachers, hard-working support staff, and diligent administrators in this new role as we continue to provide the best possible environment for our students. My intent is to lead by example by working hard, following through, listening to people, admitting mistakes and working to correct them, and, most importantly, exemplifying the highest level of character. My priority is to provide leadership through transparency, open dialog, and communication.

This is my 25th year in education and 16th year here in Bartlesville. During those 25 years, I have served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, principal, human resources director, curriculum director, interim superintendent, and now superintendent. My beautiful wife of 24 years is Jennifer, a teacher at Central Middle School. Our son Mason began school at Wayside Elementary and graduated a Bartlesville Bruin. He just completed his first year at William Jewell College where he majors in business and competes on the Cardinals swim team.

Education truly changed my life. I am the first person in my family to attend college. My father dropped out of high school but was able to provide for us by learning a trade and working hard. My mother chose to start a family instead of going to college. It is important to me that all students have the opportunity to improve the trajectory of their lives by graduating from high school with the tools necessary to take the next steps in becoming happy and productive adults.

Our district, like all agencies receiving state funding, is dealing with a tremendous budget challenge. Nevertheless, it is vital that we maintain the momentum from the last bond election and the Phillips 66 grant for Innovation Labs. Because of the last bond election, in a few weeks, we will begin our second year in a four-year high school, and Central Middle School students will be in their updated, renovated home. As state funding declines, we must continue to invest local dollars in our students. So I encourage all community members to learn about the upcoming school bond issue election. The voter registration deadline is Friday, July 29th, and the election will be on August 23rd. The best source of information about the election is www.BruinBond.com.

Beginning on March 7th, when the school board named me as incoming superintendent, I implemented a 100-day entry plan. During that time I met with school staff and members of our community to help me evaluate the status of our programs and build on relationships. That has set the stage for the development of a new district strategic plan. The new plan will be built with staff and community input and will help guide our district in the years to come. I look forward to serving our community in this new role. GO BRUINS!