



Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Dear Montague students, staff, families, and community members,

I am honored to return to Montague as your Principal and Acting Chief School Administrator. I enjoyed my previous tenure in this district, and when asked to return for the benefit of our community I just couldn't refuse. I believe by working closely with the staff and community we can create a smooth transition that benefits our students. In the time I have been gone, many significant changes have taken place especially because of COVID-19 and I will be relying on our incredible staff to inform me on the state of our school. Through open and honest communication, we will fulfill our obligation to deliver the best education possible.

I believe that this community is poised for greatness. Together, we can create new traditions, improve on our present situation and continue to do what we are proud of. In my twenty-seven years in education, I did my best to make decisions based on the needs of the students and I will continue that while in Montague. We will know our students and staff as well as he or she can be known and react appropriately to each situation in order to create the best version of every individual.

While my time here may not be long, I know we have important work to do. Students are attending school in-person, there will be building needs to address, state and federal requirements must be met, and daily unforeseen issues will arise. Tomorrow is in our hands, our school can be what we envision, and our community can be the best that a small town can offer. I'll leave you with one of my favorite quotes by one of my favorite authors, Kurt Vonnegut. In *Timequake*, Kilgore's Creed says, "You were sick, but now you are well, and there is work to be done"

There is work to be done. Let's begin together.

Sincerely,

John Nittolo

Principal/Acting CSA