"On a Voyage of Excellence and Success"





May 15, 2020

Dear Valley Elementary School Students, Staff, Parents, and Community,

As you may know, this past Wednesday the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Board of Education (BoE) appointed me to serve as one of two assistant principals at Tuscarora Elementary School effective July 1, 2020.

It is with bittersweet emotions that I share this information with you. It has been a personal and professional privilege to serve you, the students, staff, parents, and community of Valley Elementary School (Valley ES) these past two years, and I will continue to do so through June 30, 2020.

During my thirty-three (33) years in education, I have served many exceptional schools. I count Valley ES as one of those schools.

Thanks to exceptional student-centered servant leadership from our principal, Mrs. Poquette, unyielding commitment to students from our staff, remarkable volunteerism from our parents and community, and students who always work diligently to give their very best, Valley ES is indeed an exceptional school.

I am certain that you will welcome my successor with the same warmth and Viking Spirit with which you welcomed me. I will work with Mrs. Poquette and your new assistant principal to assure a smooth transition.

It has been a sincere pleasure to serve you. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in the education of our students.

Sincerely,

John D. Ewald

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