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Gobles Public Schools

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Dear School Community:

The recent announcement by Gobles Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Banyas, to resign on June 23, 2020, to relocate closer to his family in Upper Michigan marks a major transition in our administrative leadership of the Gobles Public Schools. In his one year as Elementary Principal, Mike provided leadership for continuity of learning during both the EEE and Coronavirus outbreaks. We thank Mike for his guidance during this difficult year. We will miss his contributions and wish him well.

As we look to Reopen Schools this Fall, my plan for our administrative reorganization has considered how difficult it will be for a new Elementary Principal to transition into this important role during the continued health crisis. As such, I am writing to announce a two year plan to address this leadership challenge.

For the 2020-2021 school year, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Tommie Saylor Jr. will become Gobles K-12 Principal. Mr. Saylor Jr. has served as Gobles MS/HS Principal for the last two years. Prior to this, Tommie has served as Taylor HS Principal for 7 years, Ashley K-12 Principal for 9 years, and Secondary Teacher for 8 years. Joining the administrative team will be Ms. Katherine Markovitch as K-12 Assistant Principal with primary focus at Gobles Elementary. Katie comes to Gobles from Marcellus, Michigan with 16 years of grades 5-8 teaching experience. Also, joining the administrative team will be Mr. William Lisowski as K-12 Dean with primary focus at the Gobles MS/HS. Bill has served as K-12 Behavior Specialist among other leadership activities for the last 6 years. For the 2021-2022 school year, Tommie Saylor Jr. will return as Gobles MS/HS Principal and Katie Markovitch will become Gobles Elementary Principal.

More details of our new re-organization will be forthcoming in the months ahead. I am confident that the new leadership team will serve Gobles Public Schools extremely well and I am very enthusiastic about working with them in the years ahead. I hope you will join me in welcoming all of them to their newly expanded roles.

Sincerely,
Jeff Rehlander