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Dear Corbett School District Families and Community,

Please allow me the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Derek Fialkiewicz, and I am honored to have been selected as the new Superintendent of the Corbett School District. I moved to Las Vegas, NV 26 years ago from Buffalo, NY to follow in my father's footsteps as a high school mathematics teacher. After 10 years teaching mathematics and computer science, I left the classroom and began conducting mathematics professional development for teachers and administrators across the state of Nevada. It took less than two years for me to miss the energy and enjoyment brought by students, prompting me to return to the school setting as a high school Dean of Students. For three and a half years I helped build a positive climate and culture amongst the students, staff, and community.

The next five years were spent supporting a new community of students and families as an assistant principal in North Las Vegas. My efforts increasing family and community engagement and student achievement led to being recognized as one of the top three Assistant Principals in the nation in 2017. As a middle school principal the past five years, I have been able to increase student engagement and learning while becoming a model school for whole school integration of project-based learning, CTE, STEM, Arts, and World Languages. Grants, community partnerships, and other funding sources were used to renovate outdated classroom spaces into CTE makerspaces and student-centered learning spaces. Recently, my school and I were recognized as the 2022 Magnet Schools of America Top School of Excellence and Principal of the Year for the western states, respectively.

I have never lost my love for teaching and can often be found covering a class or modeling a lesson for a teacher. A former college track and cross-country athlete and coach, I also still love to run. I enjoy supporting my favorite sports teams, traveling and spending time with my wonderful wife and five children.

My leadership philosophy is anchored in the belief of modeling expectations and leading by example. I am willing to do whatever it takes to give my students, staff, and community every opportunity for success. I believe in building relationships through trust, communication, respect, caring, collaboration, and customer service. My door is always open for any question, comment, or concern. Please feel comfortable stopping by to introduce yourself.

It was great to meet many staff, students, and community members during the interview process, which solidified my anticipation to join the Corbett team. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure we provide the best learning environment for each student. I am excited to hit the ground running on July 1, 2022 cultivating the Corbett culture of everyone doing what is best for our students to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Corbett community as Superintendent. I look forward to many years of working alongside you to ensure our students' success in the Corbett School District and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dr. Derek Fialkiewicz