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Dear Hamilton R-2 Students, Parents and Community,

I am very honored and excited to have been selected as the next superintendent for Hamilton R-2 Schools. I would like to thank the Board of Education for entrusting me with the future success of our district, and I would like to express sincere admiration for retiring superintendent, Troy Ford, and his leadership. Having served as the Hamilton Elementary School Principal for the past six school years, I can tell you that Hamilton R-2 School District is truly a great place to learn due to the outstanding support of its families, staff, and community members. We take pride in being a rural school district that can do big things, and my goal is to continue this legacy.

While I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of the students and families who have passed through the elementary, I am excited to get to know each and every one of you. I will begin by sharing a little information about myself. I have been blessed with a beautiful family. I am married to Darren who is employed with Rodriquez Mechanical Contractors of Kansas City. I have one daughter, Chloe, who will be a freshman at Penney High and one son, Fenton, who will be in fourth grade at Hamilton Elementary during the 2021-2022 school year. I am beginning my 19<sup>th</sup> year in education. Prior to leading Hamilton Elementary School as PK-5 principal, my educational experiences include teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Chillicothe R-2) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Tina-Avalon R-2), serving as an instructional coach and MU Fellows mentor, and leading the teacher mentoring program at Chillicothe. I am currently engaged in the final stages of completing my doctoral dissertation through William Woods University where my research focus is on boys' learning.

My experience in teaching and leadership has instilled in me a belief that every single child can learn and grow and deserves to be supported as an individual. I am committed to listening and collaborating with students, educators, families, and community members to ensure that we continue to make informed decisions that build upon our successes while finding strategic ways to continuously improve.

During my past six years at Hamilton R-2, I have been deeply impressed by the strong sense of togetherness and unparalleled dedication that our community displays for our students and schools. I am absolutely thrilled to continue to be a Hornet in my new role as district superintendent. Again, I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as possible in the immediate future.

Sincerely,

Billie McGraw, Ed. S.  
Superintendent

