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Dear DeRuyter Central Schools and DeRuyter Community:

I am both honored and humbled to be named Superintendent of DeRuyter Central Schools. I want to take a moment to share a bit about myself and briefly discuss the transition process.

My time as an educator started almost 30 years ago in a wonderful small town called DeRuyter. Yes I started teaching here in 1989. I was replacing a long standing extraordinary music teacher on January 9th of that year and the next five years were filled with music, love, and a sense of community like I have never felt since. After those years, I returned to school at Ithaca College to get my Master's Degree, later received a degree in Public School Administration and most recently am working on a Doctorate in Executive Leadership which should be completed in the summer of 2019. For the last six years I have been the Director of Fine and Performing Arts and the Chief Administration Officer at Ithaca City Schools. When I learned about the opening of Superintendent, I knew I had to apply. I have always longed to return to DeRuyter and could not be more thrilled to come back to the place that set me on my professional path.

One of the most important aspects of a leader is to bring a sense of pride to a community and pride is a strong part of what I remember from 30 years ago. Everywhere I taught I had a goal to emulate the pride I experienced in DeRuyter. This will be built on the sense of trust between you and me. I am here to serve this community and guide us to success. I have learned in my leadership roles that trust is the foundation where learning can happen and innovation, progress, and opportunity can thrive. This, in my belief, is created by listening, honesty, working collaboratively, and creating a common vision for our future.

One of the finest accomplishments to date is my family. I bring a sense of family to my leadership. I would not be here if it were not for my beautiful wife Melissa who is a physician in Syracuse (St. Joseph's Hospital), and my incredible daughter Sophia (9), and son Nicholas (7). They have given me a feeling of complete purpose. They can't wait to join me at so many activities. Sophia actually was at the DeRuyter Fair several times as a baby.

I am thrilled to come back to my professional roots where I built amazing relationships and learned how an impactful education can make a difference. I am committed to building a vision, mission, sense of pride and trust in our community. I was not looking for a move in my career right now but when this position opened I heard a calling and now can fulfill that with you. Together we are going to continue great programs and build new, innovative and exciting opportunities for our young people.

If you are near the school district, stop in the Superintendent's Office, which is in the Annex, and say Hello.

Sincerely,

David

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