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Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my excitement regarding my appointment as the new principal of Lone Jack Junior High and High School. Lone Jack has a reputation of excellence and I feel fortunate to be joining a dedicated team of professional educators and staff that are focused on student learning, a commitment to high expectations, innovation and collaboration. It is my intent to help carry out these important traditions and practices.

I would like to share some brief information about my educational background and professional experience. I received my teaching degree from Graceland University in Iowa with additional degrees in history and psychology. I received my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Missouri. Prior to being offered the position here in Lone Jack, I was teaching seventh grade social studies and coaching multiple sports in the Harrisonville school district.

My goal is to provide leadership that inspires teamwork among our faculty and a school environment that offers differentiated instruction to meet the needs of each student to the best of our ability. Our educational program must be academically challenging, engage each student and also be exciting enough to promote further exploration of new ideas. Parents, teachers, support staff and administration all have important roles to play in motivating our children to become active learners. It is my sincere desire to provide expanded opportunities for our students to acquire the skills to become productive citizens in a vastly changing society.

Through a close and collegial partnership among all stakeholders, I am confident we can continue the rich history of academic and cultural excellence here at Lone Jack. If you have questions, you can reach me by email at mtarwater@lonejackc6.net or by phone at 816.697.2215.

Respectfully,

Matthew Tarwater
Principal