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Dear Entiat Families and Community Members,

I cannot tell you how excited I am to be the next Superintendent for Entiat Schools. It seems surreal as I write (type) this first message for our Tiger Tales newsletter. Before I get into some thank you's, I want to share a few things about myself.

I am a 1982 graduate of Entiat High School and attended Entiat Schools K-12. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Health & Fitness from Central Washington University and a Master's degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences from the University of Arizona. After 1 year of teaching in Phoenix, AZ, I have spent the past 30 years as a teacher, athletic director, and coach in the Lind-Ritzville School District.

My wife, Karen and I, married for 33+ years, met when we were both working here on the Entiat Hotshot fire crew and own property up the Entiat Valley. We have 3 grown children that love to visit Entiat and lots of family and friends here in the district. As you can imagine, it feels as if I have come full circle as I return home to my roots. Though I am back home, Entiat has changed in the last 30 years, and I am so looking forward to getting to know the community better.

Several thank you's are in order. As I continue my career in education, albeit with a new chapter, the outgoing superintendent, Miles Caples, is retiring and will get some well-deserved rest & relaxation as he caps off a 36-year career in public education. I want to thank him for the last 16 years he has served the Entiat School District as a coach, athletic director, principal, and superintendent. I appreciate Miles' graciousness in helping me with the transition into my new position.

A person I cannot thank enough is Carly Bartlett, our Business Manager. Though I have barely had a chance to get to know her, she was so helpful to me as I went through the hiring process. Sadly, for us, but happily for her and her family, Carly is moving on to a new position. I have quickly come to learn how much she does for our district, and she will be greatly missed. I know every staff member joins me in saying thank you to Carly for her dedicated service to the Entiat School District.

Finally, I want to thank the Entiat staff, school board, students, and community members for being so welcoming to me. I look forward to meeting many more of you. I am very appreciative of the school board for putting their trust in me and yet, I realize trust must be earned and not given. I fully intend to earn the trust of the stakeholders in the Entiat School District. For the past 30 years at Lind-Ritzville High School, I was a Bronco. I can now say with tremendous excitement and emotion that it is "Great to be a Tiger!"

Yours Truly,

Greg Whitmore

Superintendent

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