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Dear Dripping Springs ISD Family:

In this season of thankfulness, I want to express how truly grateful and blessed I am to join the Dripping Springs ISD family. My name is Todd Washburn, and I am the new superintendent of Dripping Springs ISD. During my 29-year career in education, I have served in three districts: Fabens ISD, Leander ISD and Eanes ISD. Over that period of time, I have been an assistant principal and principal at both the middle and high school levels. I have also held a variety of district-level leadership positions, including executive director of secondary curriculum, assistant and associate superintendent.

After serving and living in Leander ISD for over 20 years, my wife, Beth, and I consciously chose to move to Dripping Springs because the community closely matches our personal values and beliefs. Having been residents of Dripping Springs for over three years, we now appreciate many new local traditions, neighbors and friends.

As a lifelong educator, it has always been my passion to work with students, teachers, parents and community members to provide the best possible learning experiences through the school system. When the unique opportunity to apply for the Dripping Springs superintendency presented itself, I was thrilled. This appointment enables me to blend my professional goals, dreams and passion with my personal connections to the community where I enjoy living. I look forward to serving the community as we continue to provide a personal and exceptional education for every learner. I am honored and humbled to be selected as the next superintendent of Dripping Springs.

My beliefs about education are based on four tenets. First and foremost, we are here to provide students with the best possible educational experience. A close second is recognizing the importance of teachers and staff members and the need to support, encourage and provide them with resources that maximize their impact on student learning. Third is the priority of partnering with parents and community members to support the education of all students. The final tenet is leadership. Leaders are charged with creating positive learning environments that unites, inspires and equips students, teachers, staff, parents and community members to become life-long learners and positive contributors to the world.

Webster's Dictionary defines *thankfulness* "as feeling or expressing gratitude." I am so thankful for the privilege of joining the Dripping Springs ISD family. I look forward to deepening my commitment to a community that is now both my personal and professional home. As we enter into this holiday season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to spend time reflecting on that for which you are most grateful and to share those thoughts with your family and friends.

This quote captures my thoughts and appreciation for the dawn of our new day together in Dripping Springs ISD...

With gratitude and excitement,

Todd Washburn
Superintendent of Schools
Dripping Springs ISD

