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Dear Hartley Hornet Hive,

I am honored to be the incoming assistant principal of Hartley Elementary starting this school year! My name is Katie Gunderson. I am looking forward to getting to know and working alongside each of you.

I come to Reynolds with 16 years of experience as an educator. After receiving my Master's in Education from Portland State University, I spent a year teaching English to elementary students in Épinal, France. Upon my return, I worked at a French language immersion school where I got to speak French every day. I love the French language and am a fluent speaker. I worked with both elementary and middle school students for five years. I did some administrative work and a lot of teaching there. After the French school, I taught middle school French for nine years and spent one year as an assistant principal. I made the change to full-time administration when I joined the Reynolds School District team in March of 2022 after receiving my Master's in Educational Leadership and Policy from Portland State University.

I am also a wife and mom. My husband Joel and I just have three children in elementary school. My oldest, Isla, is 9 and a half and just started 4th grade. I also have twins, Nash and Stella, who are in first grade this year. We love to spend time together on the water swimming, paddle boarding, and playing in the sun.

I am passionate about education and love working with teachers to support students and families. It is my job to help you grow, and I am here for you whenever you need me. I look forward to the chance to get to know and work with each of you!

Here's to a great 2022-2023 school year!

In partnership,

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