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Dear Washoe County School District Family,

I hope that you have had a good start to your work week. My day has been busy with meetings and I continue to work on preliminary ideas on planning and priorities. I had a chance to visit Hidden Valley Elementary today and got to see the school's newly completed single point of entry system. Hidden Valley has the same school design as the two elementary schools where I served as a principal (Lois Allen and Marvin Moss), so it was interesting to see the use of space and how a single point of entry is being implemented in these models. A single point of entry was created by building an addition onto the school—one small room at the front that becomes the new entry. It was great to see the custodial staff at the school hard at work and to see how everyone is going about their jobs and making daily contributions to ensure that school will be ready for students and staff on August 12.

Also today, I was able to meet with Don McHenry, the president of the Washoe School Principals Association since he was not able to meet last week. We had an open conversation on some of our challenges as a district and we are both looking forward to meeting with the other association leadership in a couple of weeks for our second meeting. As well today, it was my pleasure to sit down with three local reporters and discuss what lies ahead for our district. The reporters—from KTVN-Channel 2, KUNR Radio, and the Reno News & Review—were curious about how the past two weeks have been for myself, our employees, and what our plans are for the near future. I was honest and upfront about the challenges we have faced together recently, and about our commitment to move forward as a team and to start the new school year strong. There are so many great things happening in WCSD—three new schools opening in August, our upcoming Family Expo at Meadowood Mall on August 10, and welcoming new teachers who have chosen to work for our students—and we look forward to celebrations in the coming year.

I am continuing the work on my 30/60/90 day plan and will soon be sharing a draft with you to get your input and questions in the near future.

Thank you,

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