



Southeast Polk Families,

It is an honor to officially begin serving as the Superintendent of the Southeast Polk Community School District.

Thank you for the welcome I've already received. Even in these first few days, the pride in this district is unmistakable. It is evident in the classrooms, the programs, and the entire community.

I step into this role the way I have throughout my career in education: by starting close to the ground. I spent my first years as a teacher and coach, and every role since has grown from the same instinct—get to know the people and place before making decisions about either. That's how I intend to begin here, too: listening first, then building on what we hear. We're calling it Together, Forward.

Over the coming weeks and months, I'll be spending time out in our schools, classrooms, and offices, learning the day-to-day rhythm of our district. As part of that effort, I will be hosting a few informal Community Conversations. I invite you to stop by, introduce yourself, share your perspective, and help shape how we move forward together.

Upcoming Community Conversations

- Session 1: 8:00 AM, Friday, July 17th | Best Day Coffee, Altoona
- Session 2: 6:00 PM, Monday, July 20th | Pleasant Hill Public Library
- Session 3: 8:00 AM, Thursday, July 23rd | Runnells Community Library
- Session 4: 5:30 PM, Thursday, July 23rd | Mitchellville Public Library

Thank you again for the warm welcome and for the incredible work you do each day on behalf of our students and community. I look forward to talking with you soon.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Aylsworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tony" being more prominent.

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