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Snow Canyon Middle School Families and Staff,

My name is Jerrod Dastrup and I will be the new building principal at Snow Canyon Middle School. The most important thing I can do as your Principal is to ensure every student feels safe, loved and cared for. I love kids. I love seeing them accomplish things they never thought they could do. I love seeing them work together as they strive for greatness. I love seeing them get up after they fall. I love supporting them as they compete! You've all heard the saying "Tough love." I believe that's true. But I believe love comes first. "Love tough" is my motto. If kids know how much we love them, then we can have the tough, courageous, conversations that will inspire them to be great Warriors! I will strive for excellence in academics, activities, athletics and everything that we do here at SCMS. But we can't sustain excellence if students don't feel the love we have for them. I can assure you that I will love and care about your kids.

That being said, I hope you have had a memorable summer and that you spent quality time with your family and friends. Please allow me to introduce myself.

My wife is Nicole and she's amazing! She has K-6th General Education and K-12 Special Education teaching degrees. Right now her full-time job is corralling our kids. We have been blessed with four young children. Skye and Reese are our spunky six year old twin girls, Que (like the letter 'Q') is our four year old little dude and Jovi is our five month old baby girl.

I was born in Los Angeles, CA, but moved to Grants Pass, OR with my mom, dad and two younger brothers when I was six years old. That's where I was raised. After high school I served a church mission in Tucson, AZ. I played collegiate basketball at SW Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, OR, then transferred to Utah Valley University in Orem, UT. I finished my collegiate basketball career and Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, in Odessa, TX. After graduating college I returned to Grants Pass, Oregon to teach Elementary P.E., coach basketball, track, and earn my Master's Degree. Most importantly that's when I met my wife.

Nicole is from Southern Idaho and played collegiate basketball at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, ID. She then transferred to Dixie State University and played one more year. We were married in Saint George but immediately moved to Malta, ID where I was an Elementary Principal for two years. We then spent one year in Rawlins, WY where I was the Principal at Rawlins Middle School. With a desire to live closer to family we moved to Evanston, WY where I have been the Principal at Uinta Meadows Elementary for the past seven years.

It's been exactly 10 years from the time we were married in Saint George until now. We've come full circle as it took us a decade to realize this is the best place on earth! We truly couldn't be more excited about raising our family in Saint George! We look forward to getting to know the students, families, staff



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and members of the community as we get involved in the rich traditions of Santa Clara and Snow Canyon! We are thrilled to be a part of Warrior Nation!

I believe in the proven results and power of the Professional Learning Community At Work Process. Sustained growth and achievement, in any avenue of life, doesn't happen by chance. I believe in the power of collaboration to increase student learning and achievement. In the PLC process Big Idea #1 of a PLC is to "Ensure That All Students Learn." We do this through Big Idea #2 "Collaborative Culture," and Big Idea #3 "Focus on Results." As we collaborate and use data to drive our next steps we will ensure high levels of learning for all students. I promise we will do everything in our power to ensure that your child feels loved, safe and learns at high levels while attending SCMS.

I believe that collaboration between home and school are essential elements for a successful school experience. You have a standing invitation to visit with me in person, email or call anytime. We are partners in the education of your child and by working together we can make this a successful year!

TOUCH GOLD! WARRIOR NATION!!!

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