THREE FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Welcome to the new school year for the Three Forks Wolves! My name is Jeff Elliott and I am the new Superintendent at Three Forks School District. I am extremely excited to be a part of such an incredible district with outstanding students, staff and principal leaders. It is my hope to make this year the best year for all of us at Three Forks Schools. With that being said, let me tell you a little about myself.

This is my 29th year in education. I began my educational career in Thompson Falls, Montana as a self-contained 5th grade teacher, where I taught for two years. I then moved to Belgrade, Montana and taught 6th grade for seven years. I then moved to Belgrade Middle School and taught 7th grade English and Science for six years. I received my Masters in Technology Education and began teaching 8th grade computers for my last six years in Belgrade. During all this time teaching, I was also the head boys' basketball coach at both Thompson Falls and Belgrade. My final two years at Belgrade, I decided to step down and watch my boys play. I found I had more free time, so I decided to get my Educational Leadership certificate in order to become a principal. My first leadership position was at Fergus High School as the Vice Principal under Jerry Feller. I learned so much in my seven years and when Mr. Feller decided to retire, I become the principal at Fergus High School. A position I have held for the past two years.

So you can see my career has afforded me a tremendous amount of variety in education. From elementary school, to coaching and being a school leader at the high school level. The one thing that it doesn't show is that I am a life-long learner. Both of my parents were teachers. My dad was a history teacher at the high school and my mom was a 3rd grade teacher for 34 years. Not only did they teach me the value of education, but that everyone can learn. It is my goal to ensure that learning and the love of learning is valued at any school district I am a part of. I want students and staff to know that I will do everything in my power to make sure WE, as a district, our doing everything we can to ensure that each child is valued and their education is important. That is my promise to the people of Three Forks School District.

I would also like to let you know that I want and value your opinions and ideas about Three Forks Schools. My door is open and I would appreciate your comments and thoughts about how we can improve our schools. In order to eliminate any conflicts please call ahead and I will make time to discuss our schools.

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In collaboration with our community, the core purpose of the Three Forks Public School District is to be the model of excellence in education by using best practices, meeting the needs of every student, and instilling a love of lifelong learning.