

April 20, 2022

Board Members,

On behalf of the Jefferson Principal hiring committee, I would like to provide a unanimous recommendation to the Valley City Public School Board to hire Mrs. Becky Goven as the next principal at Jefferson Elementary. Mrs. Goven is currently teaching 4th grade at Washington Elementary and would replace Mr. Troy Miller for the 2022-2023 school year beginning on August 1, 2022.

I would like to highlight a few comments from the hiring committee members regarding the recommendation to hire Mrs. Goven as our next principal at Jefferson Elementary:

Humbled

Practical in her educational approach

Focused on building unity and team with students, staff, and parents

Approachable

Believes everyone needs to be valued and opinions heard

Energetic

Mother of five kids and excited to share her love with all the students at Jefferson

No nonsense and straightforward

Loves her role as an educator and her enthusiasm as a principal will be contagious for others

With Mrs. Goven's experience in the school district at both Jefferson and Washington Elementary, she brings a unique perspective to this position that can be used to build a strong culture of respect, trust, and pride to Jefferson Elementary. Her recognized strengths as a teacher in our school district, being named the 2021 Teacher of the Year, will be applied to help provide support and instructional leadership for the teachers and staff at Jefferson. She is focused on building relationships through open and honest conversations with teachers and staff believing that our schools serve an critically important role in the development of our students, especially at a young age and grade level. Please accept this recommendation to hire Mrs. Becky Goven as the next principal at Jefferson Elementary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Mr. Josh Johnson

Superintendent

Valley City Public Schools