



Unlocking the Potential in Every Student

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Dear South Umpqua School District Community,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2019-2020 school year and officially introduce myself to the community! I consider it a true privilege to have been selected to serve the students, families, and staff as Interim Superintendent of Schools for South Umpqua School District.

Since joining the district July 1st, I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with many staff members, parents, students, and community partners. I wish to thank everyone for the warm welcome and open communication. Please know that it is my intent to foster and cultivate ongoing stakeholder involvement to ensure the continued success of our students, schools and community. The South Umpqua School District employs a caring and committed staff of education professionals committed to the success of each and every student. As an educator in Oregon for the past 16 years, I wholeheartedly value the programs and services already in place, and am committed to building upon past practices and exploring new opportunities to ensure that current and future students have the access and ability to explore their interests and find their true passions.

While serving as your Superintendent of Schools, I plan to be accessible to all stakeholders and maintain an open-door communication policy. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you have about our schools and can be reached most easily via e-mail at: kate.mclaughlin@susd.k12.or.us.

September is an exciting time for our students and families, and I'm looking forward to a great year ahead. Please accept my best wishes for a fun and successful 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Kate McLaughlin

Superintendent of Schools
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