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A Web-based *newsletter* for the staff of Everett Public Schools

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MESSAGE FROM GARY COHN – “Welcome!”

It is an honor to welcome you to this wonderful new school year! As with each new year, many challenges, opportunities and learning experiences lay ahead.

For most of us, this is not the first school year in Everett Public Schools. Many of you have a rich history with our students and our community. Because I am experiencing my first school year in Everett, I'll turn to you for a glimpse into the past, for local wisdom and to help me learn “the Everett way.”

As we have more opportunities to come to know each other over the coming months, you will see and hear me act upon and speak of those things to which I am deeply dedicated personally and professionally. I believe these even more passionately as I begin my 30th year in education:

- Student success is for “each” student; therefore, ensuring that you have the tools you need to further each student’s success is my priority.
- Relationships are the foundation for how we work and learn together to achieve the district’s mission of each student’s success. Getting to know you is high on my agenda, and I will continue to be in your schools and workplaces this year – as well as in the community we serve.
- Advocacy for educational quality for our students and for you is the basis for making connections and building partnerships with community leaders, businesses and elected officials on behalf of your work. Together we can solidify support for students.
- Diversity brings incredible richness to our schools, our community and our relationships. Working with you to close achievement gaps among students will be a top priority.
- Honoring the district’s strategic plan as a blueprint for achieving the mission of each student’s success is my commitment to you and the community.
- Respect for the past – We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. Students and staff in Everett Public Schools have benefited from extraordinary district leadership that set a solid foundation for future achievements and meeting the needs of each student.

As we work together this year, I will be keeping these commitments in the forefront of my efforts. I look forward to joining you on this journey and to experiencing personally how you live your commitments to students and one another.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of each student, and your contribution to our profession and our community. I am grateful to be starting this new school year with you.

Best wishes for a great year!

Gary

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