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Dear NFMAA family,

My name is Andy Miller, and I am proud to serve as your new principal. I look forward to meeting each of you very soon. I have already begun to hear some of the ways NFMAA is so special, and I am excited to be a part of this community.

Until we are able to meet in person, I wanted to give you some background on myself.

I am originally from Wisconsin, where I received my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. After relocating to Fort Myers to escape the cold winters in 2009, I have committed the last fourteen years of my professional career to educating students in Lee County. I taught middle school math for six years and was a Teacher Leader for one year. I have spent the last seven years as an Assistant Principal at both the elementary and middle school levels. I have had many experiences that have shaped and prepared me to take this next step in my career. Having worked at schools in the district with different student demographics and academic abilities, I have a wide perspective and creative ideas to bring to our school. In all of my positions, I have utilized my strengths in communication, responsibility, hard work, and positivity.

My wife Nikki of five years, is also in the district working as an Intervention Specialist. We have a spunky and smart little daughter named Kennedy, who just turned four. I enjoy watching the Green Bay Packers, playing piano, golfing (poorly), traveling, and going out on the boat and to the beach with family and friends.

I am filled with optimism as we begin to make plans for this coming school year. We have had many challenging times with a global pandemic and a tragic hurricane that directly impacted our students, families, and staff. Each of you has persevered, and I hope we can watch those difficulties drift away in the rearview mirror. I have met many of our talented teachers and staff already, and know we have some of the very best. There are also some new faces around the academy, including our new Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Jill Cooke.

I have two main goals. The first is to get as many students reading on grade level or above. Secondly, to create a school culture where everyone wants to be- students and adults alike. We will continue to focus on student learning, be innovative and creative in designing engaging lessons, develop the artistic talents of our students, and build positive relationships.

I truly look forward to being part of this team, and working collaboratively with you to do what is best for our students. This is the best school in Lee County, and I am honored to be here.

Enjoy your summer!

With warm regards,

Andy

