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Dear MCS Family,

With extremely thankful and grateful hearts, the Modesto Christian School Board bids a loving and fond farewell to our wonderful Interim Superintendent and High School Principal, Cynthia Jewel. Cynthia's leadership during the past 2+ years skillfully and lovingly guided our school through the Covid-19 pandemic which created challenges that only an Administrator of Cynthia's caliber could have navigated so well. We will miss Cynthia's steady leadership at the helm, but we are excited to see her now have the ability to dedicate her precious time to her family which now includes 5 grandchildren who reside out of state. We are so grateful that Cynthia dedicated the past 2+ years of her time to make Modesto Christian School a better place. May the Lord richly bless Cynthia in her retirement!

It is with great excitement that we now introduce to you Val Sutter, M. Ed., and our newest MS/HS Superintendent/Principal. Val is a 25-year veteran educator and Modesto Christian alumna. Val brings considerable energy and passion to Modesto Christian with a commitment to facilitate opportunities for our students to excel academically, socially, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in a safe and thriving God-centered community. Val aims to cultivate an atmosphere of excitement, curiosity, collaboration, and trust. She desires faculty, staff, students, and families to be heard, supported, inspired, and empowered. Val is a visionary who is strategic, organized, and resourceful. Val can see the collective efforts that have cultivated a readiness for revival and solidly believes God is going to honor our faithfulness by providing in abundance.

Val holds a Master's of Education with a focus on Curriculum and Instruction, an Administrative Services Credential, a Clear Single Subject Credential in English, and a certification in Cross-Curricular Language, Acquisitions and Development.

Val brings a vast experience in education to Modesto Christian School. She taught in grades 3-12 in English Language Arts, Academic Language Development, Multimedia Production, Human Rights and Relations, Peer Support Services, and Leadership. She served in many educational committees, worked as an Administrator Designee in Discipline, and as a Director of Education. Val served in a myriad of educational environments including traditional, homeschool, summer school, independent study, virtual academy, and classrooms for Title One students. She devoted countless hours to extracurricular programs including Renaissance, Link Crew, cheerleading, and various clubs. She has also devoted many years to curriculum development, dissemination of Title One Categorical Funding, and cross-curriculum training. As if that's not enough, she also has media experience as a contributor to community interest videos airing on Modesto's Local Access television channel and to PBS Broadcasts on developing students in media.

Val and her husband, Rex, are native to Modesto. They have four children and are active members of the community in service organizations, business endeavors, supporting youth sports as well as The Boy Scouts of

America. She spent 10 years sustaining their local business and developing promotional correspondence and web design. In her spare time, she teaches fitness and enjoys outdoor sports.

You can see why we are very happy to announce Val Sutter to the MCS family! Val will spend her first year with MC as Superintendent. She will partner with our very own Kim Allen who has accepted a one-year position as MS/HS Learning Director. For the 2022-2023 school year, Kim will be delegated the day-to-day administrator responsibilities at the Middle and High School campuses along with our other MS/HS administrators Greg Pearce and Robb Spencer. This one-year plan will allow Val time to focus her first year on providing MS/HS administrative oversight and other executive functions for Modesto Christian School. Val will also focus time in her first year to increase our community outreach to bolster enrollment growth at the MS/HS campuses. Val will assume both the Superintendent and full-time Principal positions for the MS/HS campus starting with the 2023-2024 school year.

You can look forward to more correspondence from our executive administrative team within the next few weeks as they are hard at work to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our Superintendent desires to meet you personally and to know how specifically she can help each member both personally and professionally. Let's join together in welcoming our Superintendent to the MCS Family!

In other exciting news, we are delighted to announce our partnership with Core Prep Academy which is a program providing elite athletic training for junior high students in partnership with private Christian schools. MC is the only school in northern California offering a Core Prep Academy partnership and it is with eager anticipation that we watch the Lord work through this program for the building of His Kingdom. For more information about the goals and mission of Core Prep Academy please visit <https://coreprepacademy.com/>

We invite you to visit the MC campus this summer as there is much activity. Three more modular buildings are being installed at the Elementary Campus to keep up with the remarkable growth at our exciting ES. All campuses boast of sparkling new paint jobs, restrooms and locker rooms have been renovated and there is much more! Feel free to visit and say hello to our amazing team who are hard at work this summer preparing the school for your return in August.

All praise to God alone!

Blessings to you.

The Board of MCS