



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good afternoon Grape Picker Families!

We wanted to keep everyone informed and ensure you are all receiving the same message.

Both Mr. Otis and Dr. Ritter will be out of the office on FMLA (*sent with permission*) for an extended period of time. We ask that during this time you respect their privacy.

To ensure continuity of leadership in our buildings during their absences, the following changes will be made over the next couple of days with pending Board approval:

Mr. Corey Garland will serve as the interim administrative lead at the middle school. He can be reached at cgarland@nesd1.org, ext. 2001;

Mr. Regan Tanner, retired principal, will serve as substitute administrator at the high school for Mr. Garland. Mr. Tanner can be reached at rtanner@nesd1.org, ext. 1002;

Mr. Greg Beardsley, retired principal, will serve as substitute administrator at the Davis Primary school. Mr. Beardsley can be reached at gbeardsley@nesd1.org, ext. 3051; and,

Both myself (3907) and Mr. Emick (3902) will continue to support the administrative team, teachers, and staff.

Please be patient as we work on these transitions and again, please respect the privacy of Mr. Otis and Dr. Ritter. Mr. Garland and Mr. Beardsley will be reaching out to families in their respective buildings in the upcoming week.

More importantly, contact my office directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

cc: Board of School Directors  
Mr. Brian Emick  
Principals/Supervisors



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**"The Mission of the North East School District is to Nurture and Empower lifelong learning and responsible citizenship."**