September 12, 2018

Mario Alba Selected as Interim Principal

Dear Mulino Community,

I write to introduce the interim principal who will serve the Mulino Elementary community for the duration of the 2018-19 school year.

Recently retired, Mario Alba is a successful and recognized school leader with over two decades experience as a school principal. He has served as a school leader in Reynolds, Woodburn, Hillsboro, and most recently, North Clackamas.

Mr. Alba’s commitment to students and communities began when he was a teacher in the Gladstone School District. When I asked him about his decision to become an educator, he said, “When I was a child, many loving and committed teachers made a difference in my life. One teacher in particular helped me find a heart for history and he believed in me as a student and as a person. As a teacher and principal, I’ve always believed it is my job to believe in all children. Each one of them has a story. We have the privilege of making connections that can last a lifetime as we assure all children are successful.”

In addition to his years as principal, Mr. Alba served as a commissioner for the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, and is a founding leader of the Oregon Association of Latino Administrators.

As father of four children and grandfather of eight, Mr. Alba said he is excited to support the children, teachers and families at Mulino. “I watched my grandson play soccer at the fields at Mulino recently, and I’m really excited to serve the community this year.”

When Mr. Alba isn’t at school, you might find him cheering at college football games or playing with his grandchildren in the park.

A comprehensive search for a permanent Mulino Elementary principal will begin in early spring. Mulino is a special community for children and families, and I am confident the school will attract a top-notch candidate pool at that time. In the meantime, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome Mr. Alba to Mulino next time you are at the school.

Sincerely,

Tony Mann
Superintendent
Dear staff, Parents, Community Members, Students and School Board Members:

After 22 years of service as an administrator with the Molalla River School District, the past 16 as principal of Mulino Elementary School, I am announcing my resignation/retirement. I recognize that the timing is awkward, as the school year has just begun. Mulino was a special community when I started in 2002, and it remains a special community. Our school has never been about any particular staff member or principal, and our excellence will continue without me. The current students, staff and parents are wonderful.

One of my favorite memories as a young boy was golfing with my dad at Ranch Hills. I remember that once we drove down the big hill and crossed the bridge (Milk Creek), we would turn left at the school. I never imagined that I would someday be the principal of that school, but what an honor it has been.

Please accept my leaving. I love and will miss you all. To quote Dr. Seuss, “Don’t be sad it is over, be glad it happened.”

Alan