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On behalf of the administration, we want to welcome you to our webpage. Mr. Calloway, our Superintendent has been with the district since 2006. He began his career here as the high school principal before being promoted to his current position. Mr. Calloway's previous experience has been as a physical education teacher at both South Nodaway and Savannah School Districts. He brings both a small and large school perspective to our district. Mr. Calloway and his wife reside with their family in Savannah.

Mr. Turpin, our current K-12 Principal/ Special Education Coordinator, has been with the district since 2008. He began his tenure at Union Star as the Elementary Principal working alongside of Mr. Calloway before he was promoted to his current position. Mr. Turpin brings a wealth of business, governmental, and educational setting experience to our school. He has worked at Northeast Nodaway as an elementary teacher, St. Patrick Elementary School as Principal, and as a Director of Residential Life and Recreational Services for Parks College of Saint Louis University. As you can see he has had experience dealing with youth of all ages. Mr. Turpin, resides with his wife and children in Conception Junction.

There are many great things happening in our school. Students are taught by many of the best teachers in Northwest Missouri. Class sizes are small enough allowing for individualized instruction and a nurturing, caring environment. Our teachers take the time to get to know all students and build those positive relationships that are expected in rural schools. We pride ourselves in providing great communication between the school and home. One of our latest initiatives is live streaming events at school so parents, grandparents, and others can stay connected to their students and our school. We have made a commitment to our staff and students to try to provide the necessary supplies and resources to provide the best education we possibly can for our students. Within the past few years, we have updated our text materials in all core areas and have purchased enough technology devices to be one to one with each student in our district. An emphasis by the board and the administration over the past five years has been updating the facilities. Since our tenure, we have focused heavily on reading and writing within our curriculum. There are a lot of school wide initiatives that you will become accustomed to such as: professional learning communities (State Exemplary School Winner in 2014 and 2015 and Sustaining Exemplary School in 2017), AIMSweb reading monitoring, Six Trait Writing, and PBS. PBS is our latest initiative and it stands for Positive Behavior Support. We expect students to be respectful, responsible, and safe at Union Star. Teachers and staff will take the time needed to teach these very important social skills in our building. We also encourage our students to be involved in extra-curricular activities that we have to offer here at Union Star or through our co-op partnership with King City.

Education truly is a partnership between the school and community. That is why our mission statement holds so true to our beliefs. Our school mission statement is: Together We Make Learning Happen for Tomorrow. It is our goal to prepare all children for tomorrow and all their endeavors. We are honored to work with you and your children. We encourage you to be involved with your children and their learning. Should you have any questions, want a tour, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. Go Trojans!

Sincerely,

Rick and Chris