Administrative Announcements

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Interim and Assistant Principals

Superintendent Anthony Lewis announces Sabrina Tillman Winfrey as interim principal and Timothy Leffert as assistant principal of Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, effective July 1, 2019, and pending school board approval. Dr. Tillman Winfrey succeeds Jeff Harkin, who after seven years with LMCMS will transfer to Free State High School as an assistant principal. Leffert replaces Dr. Barb Williams, LMCMS assistant principal since 2017, who plans to resign in June to pursue other professional opportunities.

“Since it’s late in the educational hiring season, appointing an interim principal will enable the district to fully engage the LMCMS community in a principal search,” said Dr. Lewis.

“Dr. Tillman Winfrey brings 20 years of solid leadership experience in various educational settings, including urban, suburban, and rural schools, as well as alternative educational programs. Her knowledge and skills will help us to engage the entire school community in improving our delivery of services and meeting the academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs of each student,” Lewis said.

Completing her fifth year as an elementary administrator in the Hickman Mills School District in Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Tillman Winfrey’s prior experience includes six years as the administrator of an alternative school, federal programs, and districtwide safety; middle/high school assistant principal, and elementary principal in the Greene County Public Schools in Greensboro, Georgia. She taught elementary/middle school health and physical education for 14 years in Decatur, Ga., and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She earned a bachelor’s degree at Florida A&M University, a master’s at Central Michigan University, and Educational Specialist and Doctor of Education degrees through Argosy University.

“It is indeed an extraordinary opportunity to be selected as the interim principal at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. As a principal, I strive to develop school culture and educational programs conducive to student learning and socialization. I believe in teamwork and cooperation among students, staff, and families. I am looking forward to joining the administrative team and continuing the work of high standards for Lawrence Public Schools,” said Dr. Tillman Winfrey.

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LMCMS Assistant Principal
This is Leffert’s second year as an instructional specialist/instructional coach in the Shawnee Mission School District. His previous experience includes three years as a high school Spanish, speech and debate, and academic enrichment teacher; and a district coordinator/trainer of Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in the Piper School District. Prior to entering the teaching profession, he served four years as an emergency communications officer with Douglas County Emergency Communications and two years as a child protective services investigator for the State of Texas.

Leffert earned a bachelor’s degree at Washburn University and his master’s at the University of Kansas. He is currently completing a second master’s degree at Emporia State University and has enrolled in a doctoral program through the University of Illinois.

“Timothy has a strong background in supporting teachers in enhancing their skills by integrating research-based instructional methods. He is committed to every student’s success, as evidenced by his work with systems of intervention and his leadership of professional learning for TESOL. He will be a great addition to our team,” said Lewis.

“I was drawn to Lawrence Public Schools because I believe all students can achieve at high levels, and the district is engaging in great work surrounding equity and diversity. Lawrence is an amazing community, and I have been impressed with the vision of Dr. Lewis for the future,” said Leffert. “I am excited to join the great staff at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. The school has a rich history, the building is absolutely stunning, and the diversity of the students is an undeniable strength.”

District leadership and a school-based advisory committee interviewed both Dr. Tillman Winfrey and Leffert as part of the assistant principal search process.

Meet-and-Greet Opportunities
The district invites LMCMS staff to meet Dr. Tillman Winfrey and Mr. Leffert from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on May 15, followed by a public meet-and-greet reception for LMCMS parents and school community members from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the school library.

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