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Administrative Announcement

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Principal Jeff Harkin announces that Barbara Williams, assistant principal, plans to resign to pursue other professional opportunities, effective June 30, 2019, and pending Lawrence Board of Education approval. Dr. Williams has served in her current role since 2017.

“Dr. Williams brought her expertise and passion to LMCMS every day. Our entire school community benefited from her hard work. She had a positive impact, and we wish her the best in her future,” said Harkin.

Prior to becoming an assistant principal, Williams served as a learning coach and AVID coordinator and teacher at Lawrence High School for five years. She previously taught English and AVID in Olathe and English in Wichita for eleven years.

AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination. The global nonprofit organization brings research-based curriculum and strategies to support students in developing critical thinking, literacy and math skills across all content areas. The program’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success.

A National Board Certified Teacher, Williams earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Kansas, a master’s at Wichita State University, and her doctorate in educational leadership at Baker University.

“I learned something new each day, and I have treasured the time I have spent with our students, staff, and families,” Williams said. “I firmly believe that our LMCMS school community deserves my dedication and my very best effort, and they will continue to have it until a successful transition has effectively transpired.”

The district will immediately begin a search to fill this position for the 2019-2020 school year.

Built in 1923 as Liberty Memorial High School, LMCMS currently serves 493 students in grades 6-8.

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