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Administrative Announcement: Billy Mills Middle School

Billy Mills Middle School Principal Dr. Andrew Taylor announces the selection of Kady Carson as assistant principal and athletics director, effective July 1, pending school board approval. A math and robotics teacher at Ottawa Middle School, Carson succeeds Dr. Carissa Miles, whom the district recently promoted to principal of Southwest Middle School. Kristen Ryan has led Southwest since 2012 and will become the district’s director of elementary schools next year.

"I am absolutely thrilled about Mrs. Carson joining our team as our new assistant principal. Kady is energetic, collaborative, and student-centered. She will be a great addition to our school community,” said Dr. Taylor.

A resident of Lawrence, Carson is completing her seventh year of teaching and coaching volleyball in Ottawa USD 290. The district nominated her to the Kansas State Department of Education for Kansas Horizon Award (2016) and Kansas Teacher of the Year (2019) recognition for outstanding teaching. She has served on district equity and school redesign teams and Ottawa Middle School’s Building Leadership Team. Carson earned a bachelor’s degree at Emporia State and a master’s at the University of Kansas.

“What I’m looking forward to the most is serving the community that I live in and ensuring a quality education for all students. I am also looking forward to using my skills as an instructional leader to encourage and support teachers. I know the traditions and family atmosphere at Billy Mills Middle School is unmatched, and I can't wait to join the team!” said Carson.

Billy Mills Middle School currently serves 515 students in grades 6-8.

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