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Administrative Announcement: Cordley Elementary

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Lewis announces the appointment of Becky Reaver, Cordley Elementary fifth grade teacher, as the school’s interim principal, effective July 1, 2021, pending school board approval. Reaver succeeds Principal Scott Cinnamon, who resigned earlier this month to pursue a business opportunity.

“Becky’s experience and background in special education and English as a Second Language will be a value-add to the Cordley community. She also received certification as a Courageous Conversations about Race affiliate practitioner. She helped to lead the district’s Beyond Diversity training for several years, assisting staff in creating equitable learning environments for all students,” said Dr. Lewis. “With a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience, Becky will hit the ground running as interim principal. She has worked alongside her Cordley colleagues to support the achievement and success of all students and has strong ties to the school community.”

Reaver will complete this month 20 years of service to the Lawrence Public Schools. She joined the district in 2001 as an Autism specialist, serving students with Autism for four years at Quail Run (2001-02) and Langston Hughes (2002-05) Elementary Schools. She taught in the fifth and sixth grades at Cordley for seven years (2005-12), taught math and social studies at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School for four years (2012-16), and then returned to teach in the fifth grade at Cordley for the last five years (2016-present). Reaver earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Kansas.

“I am honored and thrilled to start my journey as a principal at the school where I first began my teaching career. The Cordley community holds a very special place in my heart, not only because of the amazing families and students that we serve, but also because of the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to meet the unique needs of ALL students and families. The day a student walks into Cordley, they don’t have just one or two teachers on their team, they have the support of each and every adult in the building working together to help them succeed,” said Reaver.

“This fall our Cordley family is fortunate to welcome many new staff, families, and students! I am excited to meet them all and eager to include their perspectives and talents in strengthening our vision and meeting our future goals. Together we are going to make this an amazing and memorable year!” she added.

With 212 K-5 students, Cordley also serves as one of two district elementary cluster sites for English as a Second Language services.

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