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Administrative Announcement: Lawrence Virtual School

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Lewis announces the resignation of Monte Westfall, the district’s director of virtual education and the Lawrence Virtual School, effective June 30, 2021, pending school board approval. Westfall has led LVS for three years as director after serving five years as assistant principal. He plans to pursue other professional opportunities.

“I appreciate Monte’s passion for meeting the needs of students with various learning styles and providing Kansas families the option of a high quality virtual education. He can take pride in the successes of LVS, the largest virtual school in the state, during his tenure,” said Dr. Lewis.

“The district learned a lot from the prior experiences of LVS this year as we navigated remote learning in response to the pandemic. We look forward to continuing to enhance online learning opportunities districtwide in the future to provide more flexibility for our scholars,” he added.

Before joining Lawrence Public Schools, Westfall served five years as a performing arts coordinator and resource specialist in the Blue Valley and Shawnee Mission schools and four years as a director and associate director of bands in Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Kansas, and Coppell, Texas. He earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of North Texas and a master’s at the University of Kansas.

“I have loved my time with an amazing office and teaching staff. I will miss them greatly. There are other opportunities on my horizon that I will enjoy exploring. Thank you to LVS for making the last eight years of my life some of my best!” said Westfall.

Dr. Lewis will work with the Executive Leadership Team to evaluate how best to fill the position of LVS principal given that it is late in the hiring season.

Launched in 2004, LVS currently serves 1,139 students in grades K-12 from across the state of Kansas.

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