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Administrative Announcement

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Lewis announces the selection of Lawrence High School Assistant Principal Dr. Jennifer Schmitt as interim principal of Pinckney Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022, pending school board approval. Dr. Schmitt will succeed Miah Lugrand, who plans to resign to pursue other professional opportunities upon completion of her second year at Pinckney.

“Dr. Schmitt has had experience working in a Title I elementary school and supervising the implementation of a dual-language model, including research, recruitment and retention of staff, instructional coaching, and family engagement,” said Dr. Lewis. “She is dedicated to building community and working with other educators to create a culture of learning through a shared commitment to the achievement and success of each student.”

Dr. Schmitt joined the Lawrence High administrative team in 2020 after serving two years as an instructional learning coach at Billy Mills Middle School. She previously taught Spanish for five-and-a-half years at Lawrence High, Free State, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and coached high school girls’ golf for five years. Dr. Schmitt completed the district’s Leadership Academy. This experience involved shadowing district and building administrators, supervising schools in the absence of the building leader, and managing building operations, including parent and staff communication.

Prior to joining Lawrence Public Schools, she served a year as a dual-language curriculum coordinator at Scott Dual Language Elementary in the Topeka Public Schools and taught Spanish for two years in the Shawnee Heights school district. Dr. Schmitt earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Kansas, a master’s at Fort Hays State University, and her doctorate at KU.

“I am honored to move into this role at Pinckney Elementary. It has been an absolute pleasure serving the students, staff, and families of LHS, and I look forward to taking that same care and dedication to the equally-special Pinckney school community,” said Dr. Schmitt.

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