



USD 497 News Release

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Administrative Announcement



Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Principal Dr. Anne Hawks announces the selection of Brent Burns as assistant principal and athletic director, effective immediately, pending school board approval. Burns succeeds Mike Gillman, now an assistant principal and the athletic director at Lawrence High.

“We are excited for Brent to move into this role. He has a tremendous work ethic and is committed to the students, staff, and school community. His positive mind set, solid understanding of school improvement, and collaborative approach to leadership make him an ideal fit for this administrative position at LMCMS,” said Dr. Hawks.

Since 2016, Burns has taught social studies at LMCMS. He completed an administrative internship there during the 2020-2021 school year. Burns serves on the school’s Building Leadership and Ci3T Teams. Ci3T is a continuous improvement model of student support and prevention. Burns earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas and will complete his master’s at KU in August.

“I am excited to begin this new journey at LMCMS. The staff, students, and community have always made me feel welcome and have become my second family. I am looking forward to continuing the traditions and pursuit of excellence at LMCMS,” Burns said.

Built in 1923 as Liberty Memorial High School, LMCMS serves approximately 500 students in grades 6-8.

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