



USD 497 News Release

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Administrative Announcement: Southwest Middle School



Southwest Middle School Principal Dr. Carissa Miles announces the selection of Jason Kingman, a Lawrence school district special education facilitator, as Southwest’s assistant principal and athletic director. The appointment is effective immediately, pending Lawrence Board of Education approval. Kingman succeeds Susan Cooper, following her promotion to principal of Lawrence Virtual School after two years at Southwest.

“Mr. Kingman is committed to students’ learning and works to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed in the classroom and beyond. He brings his expertise in special education to Southwest, connecting students and teachers with the support they need. Jason’s warm presence and his passion for both teaching and learning will hugely benefit our Bulldog community,” said Dr. Miles.

Prior to joining Lawrence Public Schools in 2016, Kingman served two years as a student support services compliance manager with a school district in Washington, D.C., and three years as a special education teacher in Minnesota schools. He earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Kansas and his master’s at Hamline University in Minnesota. Kingman also participated in the Lawrence school district’s Leadership Academy.

“I look forward to joining the strong community of students, families, and educators at Southwest and doing my part to continue the academic excellence for which the school is known,” he said.

Built in 1995, Southwest Middle School currently serves 639 students in grades 6-8.

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