



USD 497 News Release

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Administrative Announcement



Superintendent Dr. Anthony Lewis announces the resignation of Dr. Anne Hawks as principal of Liberty Memorial Central Middle School (LMCMS), effective June 30, 2023, pending school board approval. Dr. Hawks has accepted an administrative position in a suburban Kansas City, Missouri, school district.

This is Dr. Hawks' third year as principal of LMCMS. She previously served two years as the school's assistant principal and five years as a K-12 curriculum specialist for Lawrence Public Schools from 2007-2015.

"Dr. Hawks led LMCMS through an especially challenging time for schools due to the global pandemic. I appreciate her student-centered focus and her decade of service to the district and wish her well as she pursues her professional goals," said Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Hawks' previous experience includes 13 years of service as a school- and district-level administrator, instructional coach, and lead and classroom teacher in Topeka and Olathe schools. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Emporia State University and her doctorate at the University of Kansas.

"The LMCMS staff is a family. They show up for each other. I am exceedingly proud of all the LMCMS students I have worked with over the years. They have a special energy and enthusiasm that I appreciate very much. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as their principal," said Dr. Hawks.

The district will evaluate this vacancy as part of its budget planning process. The school board approved using the 2023-2024 school year to engage the community in a redesign of LMCMS' educational program to launch an innovative curricular theme or themes in 2024-2025.

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