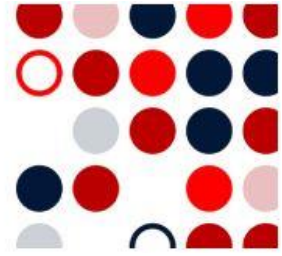


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Dear South Washington Alternative High School Community,

With mixed emotions, I am writing to announce that after three and a half years at South Washington Alternative High School (SWAHS), I have accepted a new position with South Washington County Schools. I will serve as principal for SoWashCo Online, our new virtual school option, beginning in February.

The meaningful connections with students, staff and families, both past and present, have made leaving SWAHS a difficult decision. We have created a strong school community where everyone can find their voice and achieve success. Our unique learning environment provides students with the opportunity to not only learn from our incredible staff, but also from each other. Additionally, we navigated the unique challenges of COVID-19, finding new ways to grow and learn together. I'm truly grateful for everything we have accomplished.

Assistant Superintendent Kristine Schaefer will begin a search for a new leader for South Washington Alternative High School. I will work closely with whoever is selected to make the mid-year transition as smooth as possible. To help, please [complete a short survey](#). This survey is an opportunity to help your next principal understand the values and priorities of our unique school community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and your child over the last several years. Our focus on planning for opportunities after high school will continue to positively impact every student who walks through our doors. I will miss the community of people that have made South Washington Alternative High School a fantastic place to work each day.

Sincerely,

Nick Falde, Principal
South Washington Alternative High School