

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIRES DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

Fargo Public Schools announces the hiring of Tristan Love as the Director of Educational Justice. He assumes the role from Dr. Tamara Uselman who will be resigning from Fargo Public Schools at the end of June. Love will assume the position on June 8, 2023.



Tristan Love is a husband and a father of three and currently serves as the director of learning and engagement at Project Wayfinder. He began his educational career as a biology teacher at Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center in the Houston Independent School District in 2013. While there, he served as the department chair, and an advisor for the debate team and freshmen student council. He then served as a science instructional specialist and assistant principal at Sam Houston. In June 2017, he was named one of the founding assistant principals of the new Disciplinary Alternative Education Program for high school students in the district. Afterward, he served as the principal of Panorama Middle School in Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs before joining Project Wayfinder in 2021.

During his educational career, Love has focused on the social and emotional development of students, implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, and creating environments where students, families, and communities feel seen, heard, and valued. He has created programs to decrease discipline infractions, increase attendance and promote college and career readiness of students. At Panorama Middle School, he started a young men's program called the Bowtie Boys to intervene in disproportionate discipline practices and mentor young men. Love believes in creating a safe and nurturing school environment while implementing innovative strategies to reach all students to find their individual success.

Love was named Sam Houston's beginning teacher of the year in 2014 and Sam Houston's teacher of the year in 2015. His journey and passion for creating a just educational system have been featured in <u>Road Trip Nation</u>, <u>Wall Street Journal</u>, <u>TEDx</u>, and <u>HISD</u>.

Love holds his bachelor's degree in biology from Wiley College and his master's degree in educational leadership from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. He is currently completing his Doctor of Philosophy degree in education through Walden University.