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Fargo Public School District #1

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATION ASSIGNMENTS

Fargo Public Schools announces four administrative assignments within the District.



Rachel Kenowski has been named assistant principal for Washington Elementary School, a new position for the school. She will assume the position on July 1.

Kenowski joined Fargo Public Schools in 2008, initially serving as a first grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. From 2016-21, she served as a title math teacher and math recovery interventionist at Jefferson. In 2021, she became the ESSER Coach at Washington Elementary School. She began her educational career at Barnum Elementary School in 2006 as a second grade teacher.

Kenowski holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a mathematics focus from Concordia College and a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from St. Catherine University in St. Paul.



Danielle Lapos has been named assistant principal for Lewis and Clark Elementary School. She assumes the position on July 1 from James Moe, who is leaving Fargo Public Schools to take an administrative position in a different district.

Lapos joined Fargo Public Schools in July 2019 as a special education area service coordinator. Prior to joining FPS, Lapos served as a special education teacher at L.E. Berger Elementary in West Fargo Public Schools. From 2012-15, Lapos was a residential coordinator/teacher at the New England Center for Children in Southborough, Mass. Before transitioning into her educational career, Lapos served as a senior caregiver at Annandale Health and Community Services in Annandale, Minn. from 2008-12. During this time, she provided care to senior citizens with dementia.

Lapos holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Psychology and Women Studies from St. Cloud State University, and a Master of Science in Education from Simmons University in Boston, Mass.

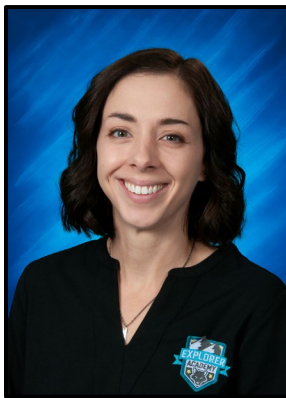


Patrick Meyer has been named assistant principal for Eagles Elementary School. He assumes the position on July 1 from Kimmy Milligan, who is leaving Fargo Public Schools to take an administrative position in a different district.

Meyer currently serves as the middle and high school dean of students at Oak Grove Lutheran School, a position he has held since 2021. From 2016-21, he served as a special education teacher at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School. Prior to his education career, Meyer served as a police officer with the Menomonie Police Department in Wis. from 2003-10 and the Fargo Police Department from 2010-16. While a police officer in Fargo, he served as a school resource officer at Carl Ben

Eielson.

Meyer holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, a Master of Education in Special Education from Grand Canyon University and a master's degree in education leadership from Minnesota State University Moorhead.



Emily Dilliard has been named dean of students for Explorer Academy, which is an ESSER funded position for Fargo Public Schools. She will assume the position on July 1.

Dilliard joined Fargo Public Schools in 2020 as a school psychologist. Since 2017, she has served as the associate program director for the NDSU Bison Strides program, overseeing and instructing social-emotional learning sessions for youth ages 8-17 with social, emotional and or behavioral challenges. She served as a teacher's assistant in a childcare setting from 2016-18 and was a graduate teaching assistant in the school psychology program at Minnesota State

University Moorhead from 2017-18. From 2013-16, she served as the lead instructor at Riding on Angels' Wings, supervising and instructing adapted horseback riding lessons for adults and children with special needs.

Dilliard holds bachelor's degrees in animal science and equine science from North Dakota State University, and a Master of Science in School Psychology from Minnesota State University Moorhead. She obtained her school psychology specialist degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

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