







MEDIA RELEASE

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Raytown School District announces three leadership positions for the 2024-25 School Year

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) At the Monday, May 13 Board of Education meeting, the Raytown Quality Schools Board of Education approved the hiring for three district leadership positions.



Sarah Apple is taking a new position in RQS as the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Coordinator. She has served in a variety of roles at Raytown South High School since 2001 including science teacher, Committee for Professional Learning Chair, Cultural Intelligence + Awareness Chair, Cardinals Advocating for Radical Empathy Sponsor, RQS Secondary Science Coordinator and District Cultural Competency Coordinator. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Missouri - Kansas City and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Webster University.



Ann Hudgens is moving into a new role within RQS as the principal of Three Trails Preschool. She has been with the district since 2013 first serving as a Head Start Preschool Teacher at Herndon Preschool which is now Three Trails. Her experience at Three Trails includes teacher leader, teacher mentor and Head Start Education Coordinator. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, a Master of Arts in Differentiated Instruction from Graceland University and an Education Specialist in Educational

Leadership K-12 from the University of Central Missouri.



Anika Williams joins RQS as the principal of Eastwood Hills Elementary. She comes to RQS from Kansas City Public Schools where she is assistant principal of Whittier Elementary. She began her teaching career in the Grandview School District as a 5th grade teacher. Her experience includes Missouri Assessment Program Regional Facilitator for the Department Elementary and Secondary Education, 5th and 6th grade ELA, Math and Science Teacher in the Grandview School District and STEAM Instructional Coach & Assessment Coordinator at Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Lincoln University (MO) and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration

from the University of Missouri - Kansas City where she is currently working on her Doctorate in Education.

They will begin in their new roles in the district on July 1, 2024.

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