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## **Bruce Nieminski Named Planning Principal For Loretta Zumbro Elementary School**

*Nieminski selected following numerous achievements at Blue Horizons Elementary*

**BUCKEYE, Ariz.** – The Liberty Elementary School District school board unanimously approved current Blue Horizons Elementary School principal Bruce Nieminski as the planning principal for the new Loretta Zumbro Elementary School. Nieminski will move into the full-time principal position for the 2025-26 school year.

“We are excited to have Bruce (Nieminski) serve as the leader for our brand new school, Loretta Zumbro Elementary,” said LESD Superintendent Dr. Cort Monroe. “He will act as the LZES planning principal for the remainder of this school year, while simultaneously continuing his role as the current principal of Blue Horizons Elementary School.”

Bruce joined the District ahead of the 2022-23 school year as assistant principal at Blue Horizons. After just one year in that role, he was named principal during the summer of 2023. Prior to joining the district, Mr. Nieminski compiled two decades of experience as a teacher, assistant principal and principal back in his home state of Illinois.

“The board and I are thrilled to approve Bruce Nieminski’s appointment as Loretta Zumbro Elementary’s first principal,” said LESD School Board President Bryan Parks. “Mr. Nieminski has been with our district for a couple of years and what he has been able to accomplish at Blue Horizons, speaks for itself. The growth within our district is incredible to see, and we are excited to watch LZES blossom as we open our doors in August 2025.”

While Nieminski is excited to lead the opening of Loretta Zumbro Elementary, he still has high expectations for Blue Horizons. Blue just recently received a ‘B’ grade from the Arizona Department of Education, which is higher than the year prior. Bruce and his wife have been married for 17 years and have 10-year old twin boys, that were born just 57 seconds apart. He is an avid reader, loves classic rock and is an avid Chicago sports fan.

“I am honored to be selected as Loretta Zumbro Elementary School’s planning principal,” said Nieminski. “It is rare to have an opportunity like this to build a school from the ground up. The work begins today as we look to assemble a staff, hire teachers, and begin the recruitment for our future students at Loretta Zumbro Elementary School.”

Loretta Zumbro Elementary School will have its own landing page within [www.liberty25.org](http://www.liberty25.org) in the coming weeks. There you will be able to find more information about the school, as well as links to register for the 2025-26 school year. A full fledged website for Loretta Zumbro Elementary will launch in 2025.

A search will soon commence to find the next Principal of Blue Horizons Elementary School, to begin in the role as Principal for the 2025-2026 school year, starting July 1, 2025. When this search begins, the District will reach out to various stakeholders to include parent and staff input during the transition and hiring process.

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### **About LESD25**

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