



USD 497 News Release

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Administrative Announcement: Lawrence Free State High School



Lawrence Free State High School Principal Amy McAnarney announces the selection of Jason Schroeder as assistant principal/athletic director. Schroeder will begin the transition to this position in June. He succeeds Jered Shaw, who began serving Free State July 1, 2022.

“A longtime resident of the Lawrence area, Jason brings a competitive mindset and a clear vision for elevating Free State athletics. His commitment to continuing a winning culture is matched by his dedication to developing student-athletes of strong character. Jason understands that success on the field and growth off the field go hand in hand,” said McAnarney.

“Jason is approachable, driven, and brings a high level of integrity to this role. He is eager to collaborate with coaches, student-athletes, and the entire Firebird community as he begins this new journey with us,” McAnarney added.

Schroeder spent eight years as an assistant principal and athletic-activities director for the Atchison and Holton public schools. He also performed the duties of transportation director in Holton. His prior experience includes serving as athletic director, teaching physical education, developing digital high school credit recovery courses and elementary enhancement programs, and coaching for seven years in McLouth. Schroeder earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Kansas and his master’s at Emporia State University.

"I'm honored and excited to join Lawrence Free State High School as assistant principal and athletic director. I'm passionate about supporting students both in the classroom and through athletics, and I look forward to building strong relationships with our staff, students, and school families," said Schroeder.

Lawrence Free State High School opened in 1997 and currently serves 1,782 students.

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