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Darcey Bast Named Director of Student Services for Piper School District

KANSAS CITY, KS — Piper Unified School District is pleased to announce the full-time appointment of Darcey Bast as the Director of Student Services, effective with the 2025-2026 school year.

Bast, who has served in a dual capacity as both the principal of Piper Prairie Elementary School and the Director of Student Services, brings a wealth of experience, deep commitment, and a strong track record of student-centered leadership to her new districtwide role. She has been an integral part of the Piper community, and her dedication to students, staff, and families has left a lasting impact.

This transition coincides with a significant step for the district, as the Kansas State Board of Education recently approved the resolution for Piper School District to depart from the Wyandotte Comprehensive Special Education Cooperative. This move enables the district to establish and oversee its own student services programs, allowing for more localized support tailored to the unique needs of the Piper community.

"This is an incredible step forward for our district and a very long time in the making," said Bast. "While I'm excited for the opportunity to support all of Piper in this new capacity, I will deeply miss being part of the day-to-day life at Prairie. This school holds a very special place in my heart."

Superintendent Dr. Jessica Dain shared, "Darcey's leadership, passion for inclusive education, and unwavering commitment to student success make her the perfect choice to lead our Student Services Department. We are excited about the direction our district is heading and confident that Darcey will lead this work with excellence and care."

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Bast will remain in her role at Prairie through the end of the school year and will transition into her new role full-time over the summer.

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