



## USD 497 News Release

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### Administrative Announcement: Sunset Hill Elementary School



Superintendent Dr. Jeanice Kerr Swift announces the selection of Jennifer Georgie as interim principal of Sunset Hill Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025. Georgie, our district's lead student and family support facilitator, will succeed Jeremy Philipp. He will become Southwest Middle School's assistant principal and athletic director next month after eight years as Sunset Hill's principal.

"Jennifer Georgie brings passion and skills, an abiding commitment to the success of ALL students, and breadth of experience to lead well this year as the interim principal at Sunset Hill. We are truly grateful for her willingness to serve alongside the strong Sunset Hill staff and community, as we look forward to a successful 2025-26 school year," said Dr. Swift.

Georgie is completing her second year of leading our district's work to remove barriers and improve student outcomes related to attendance, behavior, and family engagement. She collaborated with our District Equity Team to develop the District Restorative Framework, supporting the implementation of restorative practices at all levels. She also has guided districtwide implementation of our social-emotional learning curriculum.

This is Georgie's 22nd year with Lawrence Public Schools. She previously served as the lead assistant administrator, student support facilitator, and a science and English Language Arts teacher for ten years at West Middle School. She also taught one year at South Middle School (now Billy Mills MS) and seven years at Deerfield Elementary. Georgie joined our district in 2003 as a prevention specialist, working for two years to reduce truancy and suspensions and improve students' academic performance at South and Central Junior Highs (now Billy Mills and Liberty Memorial Central MS).

Her prior experience includes serving as a northeast educational instructor for five years for the Greenbush Education Service Center in Girard, Kansas. Georgie earned a bachelor's degree at Pittsburg State University and her master's at the University of Kansas.

"I am excited to step into the role of interim principal of Sunset Hill Elementary. Sunset has a long-standing reputation for excellence, built by a dedicated staff committed to student success. I look forward to building relationships with students, staff, and families as we work together to support student growth and continue the valued traditions of Sunset Hill," said Georgie.

An interim appointment enables our district to conduct an inclusive and comprehensive principal search. "We look forward to working together and engaging with Sunset Hill staff, parents, and community through a robust principal search, beginning next fall, to select a long-term leader for Sunset Hill school," said Dr. Swift.