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#### **LAKE NORMAN ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL NAMED NEW EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**— Iredell-Statesville Schools is excited to announce Nichole Tilley, principal at Lake Norman Elementary School, has been named the Director of Employee Relations. Mrs. Tilley will lead efforts to support, develop, and retain staff by managing employee relations, guiding workplace compliance, and fostering a collaborative district culture. This position was created by repurposing the vacant Director of Classified Personnel position.

Before becoming the principal at Lake Norman Elementary School in 2018, Mrs. Tilley served as the assistant principal at N.B. Mills Elementary School and East Iredell Middle School. She began her career with Iredell-Statesville Schools in 2007 as a teacher at Statesville and East Iredell middle schools. She has completed the Distinguished Leadership Practice, participated in the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals' Association (NCPAPA) Practitioners Network, and completed the Future-Ready Leadership Program. Mrs. Tilley holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Salem College and a master's degree in educational leadership from Gardner-Webb University.

This transition comes with a series of emotions.

"Lake Norman Elementary has been such a special place for me, both as a principal and as a mom with two daughters who have grown up here," explained Tilley. "This community has truly become family, which makes leaving bittersweet."

She continued by sharing her excitement.

"I am excited to begin this new chapter as Director of Employee Relations, where I can support and encourage the incredible employees across our district," Tilley stated. "My goal is for each employee to feel valued and equipped to do the important work of educating children."

Mrs. Tilley will assume her duties this fall to ensure a smooth leadership transition at Lake Norman Elementary School.