



## USD 497 News Release

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### **Superintendent Announcement: Lead Principal, Lawrence College and Career Center/CTE**

Superintendent Dr. Jeanice Kerr Swift announces Dr. Amanda Faunce as Lead Principal of the Lawrence College and Career Center/CTE, effective July 1, 2026.

Faunce has served as the Associate Principal of Free State High School since 2022, following four years as the school's Athletic Director.

Dr. Swift shares, "We are tremendously excited to name Dr. Amanda Faunce as Lead Principal, College and Career Center/CTE in Lawrence Public Schools. Dr. Faunce will lead a critical district effort as we move forward to realign and invigorate Career/Tech Ed programming at the College and Career Center and

across all district campuses to ensure meaningful real-world learning experiences, enhance milestone career credentialing opportunities, programs and partnerships aligned to ensure postsecondary success for all students. Dr. Faunce brings a strong commitment, extensive leadership experience, and an innovative, systems-oriented approach to this exciting new role in Lawrence Public Schools. Our gratitude to the many individuals who served on interview teams to support a robust selection process."

Dr. Faunce's professional education experience also includes nine years teaching Social Science at Olathe North High School. She then served as Assistant Principal at Olathe East for five years, and Athletics Director for three years, before joining Lawrence Public Schools in July 2018.

"The last eight years at Free State High School have had a very profound impact on my life, and I am proud of everything we have accomplished together. I will always be thankful for being a part of the Firebird family. The experiences I have shared with the Administration Team have redefined leadership for me. Thank you for teaching me that true success is defined by unwavering support, true teamwork, and laughter. As I transition to the Lawrence College and Career Center, I am honored to carry this momentum forward, rooted in the idea that every student, every future, every path is connected to a clear postsecondary plan, real-world experience, and meaningful opportunities that will immediately open the door to their futures," said Faunce.

Dr. Faunce earned a bachelor's degree in Social Studies Comprehensive Education at Mid-America Nazarene University, and a Master of Science in School Leadership from Baker University. She received her educational doctorate in school leadership from Baker University.

The Lawrence College and Career Center prepares students for their future through hands-on learning experiences in an innovative, engaging environment. Students have access to industry-standard technology and professional curriculum and can earn college credit while still in high school as well as in-demand industry credentials, with an opportunity for free tuition. All courses at the Lawrence College and Career Center prepare students for post-secondary enrollment and a high-wage, high-interest career.

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