



Superintendent Message
Jeanice Kerr Swift

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

We are deeply saddened to share the recent passing of Dr. Quentin Rials, Lawrence High School Principal.

Dr. Rials was a close, valued colleague at Lawrence High School, and across Lawrence Public Schools. Quentin began his service in the district in 2017 as a Learning Coach at West Middle School and was named assistant principal at Lawrence High School in November 2018. With the exception of the 2022-23 school year, when he worked as the interim lead principal of West Middle School, Dr. Rials had continued serving Lawrence High School until 2023, when he became lead principal.

Dr. Rials, an alum of Lawrence High School, *Class of 1995*, was a true Chesty Lion, a leader who represented LHS with pride, heart, and unwavering commitment to students, staff, and families. He cared deeply about the well-being of students and the LHS staff, and he revered the Lawrence High School community and traditions. On behalf of the Board of Education and district leadership team, we are deeply grateful for his service, leadership and the lasting impact he made on LHS and our district community.

His family shares, "Quentin loved LHS. It was his dream job. He knew the love and care the LHS team had for him and appreciated the cards, notes, well wishes, prayers, visits, and everything you did to support him these past weeks. Quentin often spoke of his LHS team saying, 'they are good people.' "

We will share information about memorial observances when it becomes available.

In the meantime, we hold Quentin's family and friends, colleagues and students close in our hearts during this time of profound loss.

We encourage everyone to take care of yourselves and each other. Grief affects each person differently and can continue long after routines and schedules change. As we move into summer, support remains available through [Bert Nash \(785\) 843-9192](tel:7858439192) and the [988 Crisis Lifeline](tel:988) for anyone in need of support services.