



USD 497 News Release

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Superintendent Statement Jeanice Kerr Swift

Leadership Appointment for 2026-27 School Year

Interim Principal, Quail Run Elementary



Jeremy Philipp will serve as Interim Principal of Quail Run Elementary beginning July 1, 2026.

Swift shares, “We are excited to appoint a leader who brings experience, a student-centered elementary principal leader who will immediately connect with students and staff, add value and engage with Quail Run families to strengthen relationships, renew culture and continue excellent work in support of students, staff, and community.”

“I am excited to join the Quail Run community and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a school with such a strong tradition of caring for students and families. I am looking forward to connecting with the staff, students, and families who make Quail Run such a special place. Together, we will celebrate the school's many strengths while supporting every student as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally to become the very best version of themselves,” said Mr. Phillip.

Mr. Philipp brings more than 20 years of principal and school leadership experience to Quail Run, having served as principal of Sunset Hill Elementary School for eight years. Mr. Phillip also served at Southwest Middle School as assistant principal and athletic director during this past year, and is well-known across the community for his commitment to students, families, and community.

He began his career in education in 2001 and has served in a variety of roles, including teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, principal, and outdoor education director. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Policy from the University of Kansas; Masters of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado at Denver; and his Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership from the University of New Mexico.

Former Principal Sara Murray will be transitioning to another position in the district beginning July 1. We are grateful for Ms. Murray’s dedication to Quail Run students, staff, and families during her time as principal.

Note: a full selection process will begin late fall, featuring the engagement of Quail Run elementary staff, families, and community in the multi-step process for selecting the permanent principal of the school.

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