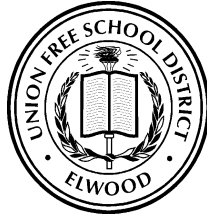


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August 20, 2026

Dear Elwood Community,

As many of you know, Mrs. Elissa Millan is stepping down as Principal of James H. Boyd Intermediate School. We are so grateful for the dedication, energy, and heart she poured into our district during her time with us, and we wish her all the very best in her next chapter.

Looking ahead, I am excited to welcome Dr. Timothy G. Hoss as our Interim Principal at Boyd for the 2026–2027 school year! Dr. Hoss brings more than three decades of experience to Elwood, along with a genuine, student-centered approach to leadership. He will begin immediately and is scheduled to have transition meetings throughout the district.

Dr. Hoss served for sixteen years as the principal in a neighboring district, where he led a hands-on, developmentally responsive environment for students in grades five through eight. Beyond his administrative tenure, Dr. Hoss works closely with elementary educators as a faculty member at a number of local universities, where he teaches graduate courses in childhood education, early literacy and math, and supervises student teachers in elementary classrooms.

Dr. Hoss is well acquainted with the Elwood community and our commitment to educational excellence. His leadership style is defined by active, visible personal connection; you will frequently see him greeting families at arrival, walking the halls, talking with students, visiting classrooms, and assisting at dismissal.

A school navigating a leadership transition benefits immensely from steady, experienced leadership. Dr. Hoss's extensive background and collaborative approach will ensure continuity and support for our students, staff, and families at Boyd.

Please join me in giving Dr. Hoss a warm welcome to our Elwood family!

Sincerely,

Gayle Steele, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools