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Raytown School District announces the hiring of Several Leadership Positions

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) At the June Board of Education meeting, the Raytown Quality School's Board of Education approved the hiring for several district leadership positions.



Michelle Blakley, Ed.D., is taking on a new role in the district as the assistant director of human resources. She's been with the district since 2017, first serving as assistant principal of Raytown Success Academy and most recently as the assistant director of administrative services. Blakley started her career as a teacher in the area in 2001. She has a Bachelor of Science in Education from William Jewel, a Master of Education from Baker University, an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Central Missouri, and a Doctorate of Education from Trevecca Nazarene University.



Tyler Britt currently serves as the principal of Laurel Hills Elementary. For the 2023-24 school year, he will move to a new position in the district as director of curriculum and instruction. He's held various positions within the district, including assistant principal at Norfleet Elementary, K-12 district coordinator, curriculum and instruction practice coordinator, district instructional technology coordinator, district science curriculum coordinator, and teacher. He has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia, a Master of Education from the

University of Missouri - Columbia, and an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Central Missouri.



Andrew McCarthy, Ed.D., will join RQS as the principal of Raytown High School. He comes to RHS from Columbia Public Schools in Columbia, Mo., where he served as assistant principal at Hickman High School, assistant principal at Battle High School, and a teacher. He started in CPS in 2006. He has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia, a Master's Degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri - Columbia, an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia, and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia.



Clarica Tulli will take on a new position in RQS as the principal of Westridge Elementary. She has been with the district for 12 years. Her previous experience includes kindergarten teacher, special education teacher, special education coordinator, and most recently, administrator intern at Westridge. Tulli was named the District Teacher of the Year for the 2015-16 school year. She has an Associates Degree from Metropolitan Community College, a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Graceland University, and a Master of Education Administration from Williams Woods University.



Rebecca Bien, Ed.D., is named the new principal of Laurel Hills Elementary. She joins RQS from the Center School District, where she serves as academic services coordinator, and also serves as a teaching and learning coach. Prior to that, she spent seven years as a classroom teacher at Pleasant Lea Elementary in the Lee's Summit School District. Bien has a Doctorate of Education Leadership, and a Specialist in Building Administration from Williams Woods University, a Master in Education in curriculum and instruction, and a Bachelor's of

Science in education: elementary from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

All five leaders will begin in their new roles in the district on July 1, 2023.

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