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Drummond leader will move to Holman Middle

The Pattonville Board of Education recently approved the transfer appointment of Jim Schwab as principal of Holman Middle School, beginning July 1, 2006.

Schwab is currently serving as principal at Drummond Elementary in Pattonville. Holman Principal Lisa Counts will be moving to Phoenix, AZ, where her husband accepted a new position. She will continue to serve Holman families and staff through the end of this school year.

“Mr. Schwab recently expressed his interest in the Holman principalship, and the Board of Education and I felt this would be a great opportunity for Mr. Schwab and the entire Holman school family,” said Dr. Hugh Kinney, superintendent. “We are confident that Mr. Schwab will be an outstanding leader for Holman. He will be familiar with many students who come to Holman from Drummond, which is a feeder school for Holman.”

Pattonville has begun the search for a new leader for Drummond, and parents and staff members of that school will be involved in the interview process. The new principal will take the reins on July 1, 2006.

Schwab began his career in the Rockwood School District, where he taught sixth grade for 12 years. He served two years in administrative roles in Rockwood before becoming principal of Pattonville’s Carrollton Oaks Elementary School. Schwab was at Carrollton Oaks for nine years until the airport buyout caused the school to close. In 2002, he was selected as the principal of Drummond Elementary, the replacement school for Carrollton and Carrollton Oaks elementary schools. He was instrumental in opening the new school, establishing attendance boundaries with the community and bringing two separate school families together as one cohesive group at Drummond. He also works on the district level, as the facilitator for the principals’ group in Pattonville and as a summer school principal.

“We are excited for Mr. Schwab and the students, parents and staff at Holman,” Kinney said. “Mr. Schwab brings with him a proven record of leadership and commendable success in improving student achievement. We know he is looking forward to working with the Holman school family for many years in the future to provide the best services for our students. Our best wishes go out to Mrs. Counts, who has been a great member of the Pattonville team.”

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