

# **Knob Noster Public Schools Selects Julie Andrade as New Knob Noster Middle School Principal**



Knob Noster Public Schools has selected Mrs. Julie Andrade to serve as Knob Noster Middle School Principal for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Andrade graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Middle School Education in 1998 from University of Central Missouri, a Master's Degree in School Administration in 2012 from William Woods University, and a Specialist Degree in Education Administration from William Woods University in 2016. Mrs. Andrade has served as the Assistant Principal in Knob Noster Middle School for the past five

years, following ten years of service as a middle school language arts teacher in our district, two years as an eighth grade language arts teacher at Sedalia Middle School, and one year as a seventh-ninth grade language arts teacher at Stoutland R-II Schools.

Superintendent, Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, shared, "On behalf of our Board of Education, it is my pleasure to announce the promotion of one of our own, Mrs. Julie Andrade, as our Knob Noster Middle School Principal. The Board of Education continues to recognize the importance of developing our own people internally to prepare them for new opportunities to serve our students. Mrs. Andrade exemplifies the ideal candidate, who has not only served in many leadership capacities within our school district, but who has also demonstrated long-term service to our community as a Knob Noster resident. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to select a well-qualified candidate such as Mrs. Andrade from within our own organization and look forward to our partnership with her to take our middle school students to the next levels of success."

Mrs. Andrade's husband, David, is a second grade teacher at Knob Noster Elementary and head wrestling coach at Knob Noster High School. Her daughter, Kirah, will be in eighth grade in the coming school year and stays active in horseback riding, school activities, volleyball, track, and softball.

When asked about the opportunity to serve as Principal of Knob Noster Middle School, Mrs. Andrade stated, "I have been with the Knob Noster School District for a number of years as a teacher and

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assistant principal at the middle school. I love the people and the kids here, and I am excited for the opportunity to serve them in another capacity. I want to continue to build the abilities of our kids to give their best and to affect positive change in our community. I believe in the power of relationships and reflective practice – with positive and strong relationships, we can grow and support one another to achieve whatever we set our minds to do. With continual reflection of our practice, we can find ways to improve everything we do. We can find better ways of helping and reaching our kids.”