

The Cass School District 63 Board of Education has appointed Mrs. Megan Conlin as the next Assistant Principal at Concord Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. Conlin will replace Mrs. Katie Doyle, who has served as the Concord Assistant Principal for the past five years. Mrs. Doyle is moving into the top role at Concord and will be replacing Dr. Laura Anderson, who is retiring at the end of the school year after serving as the Principal for the last 18 years.

Mrs. Conlin is in her third year as the Assistant Principal at Wilson Creek Elementary, a PreK-1 school in fast growing Manhattan School District 114 in Will County. In her current role, she has been heavily involved with

the design and development of the district's multi-tiered systems of support, as well as professional development, master scheduling, and working closely with students, staff, and parents in all facets of the educational process. Mrs. Conlin has extensive experience and brings invaluable expertise, including a deep understanding of curriculum development, student data analysis, and best instructional practices at the elementary level.

Prior to her current role, Mrs. Conlin spent five years as an instructional specialist, and previously taught first grade and was a fast track math teacher in North Palos District 117. She has a background in special education, preschool, professional development, and instructional coaching and leadership. Mrs. Conlin holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in Indiana, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from North Central College. In addition to her degrees in elementary education and leadership, she also is endorsed to teach elementary special education and reading from kindergarten through grade four.

Incoming Principal Katie Doyle said, "I am thrilled for the opportunity to work with Megan as the new Assistant Principal at Concord. Her experience, dedication, and vision align perfectly with our goals, and I am excited to collaborate with her as we work together to shape the future for our students. We are confident that Megan's leadership will help propel our school toward continued growth, excellence, and success, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities her leadership will bring to our students and staff! She will build positive relationships with students, staff, and parents, and will be instrumental in creating a supportive and collaborative school environment."

Superintendent Mark Cross added, "We conducted a rigorous search that included deep involvement of our teachers to find the right person for this role as we look forward. We had an outstanding field of candidates, and Mrs. Conlin stood out as a top tier leader who will contribute from day one with her experience, fresh perspective, and ideas. Most importantly, she is an educator who puts children as the center of her decision making, has a positive growth mindset, and who shares our values and is all in for our direction as a school district."

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next assistant principal of Concord. Concord has a great reputation of success, and it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of this school community and the District 63 team. I look forward to teaming with Mrs. Doyle and the entire staff to build upon the strengths of Concord to ensure that every student has a successful learning experience. I am so excited to begin working with the students, staff, and community and to start learning all that makes Concord so special," said Mrs. Conlin.

Mrs. Conlin lives in Downers Grove with her husband, Jim, and their daughter, Maeve.