

Katie Doyle Named Concord Elementary Principal

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The Board of Education of Cass School District 63, located in Darien, Illinois, has appointed Mrs. Katie Doyle as the next Principal at Concord Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. Doyle will replace Dr. Laura Anderson, who is retiring at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year after serving as the Principal at Concord for 18 years.

With 13 years of service in District 63, Mrs. Doyle brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to her future role. Mrs. Doyle's career in the district began at Cass Junior High School, where she taught Spanish and English Language Learners, and coached multiple sports over eight years.

During her five years as Assistant Principal, she has taken an active role in a wide range of duties at Concord, including involvement with student services, curriculum, assessment, staff evaluation, and screening and selection of new staff.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, we are thrilled to approve and support Katie Doyle's promotion to Principal of Concord Elementary School," said Lana Johnson, President of the Cass District 63 Board of Education. "Katie's dedication to our students, staff, and families, combined with her proven leadership as Assistant Principal, makes her the ideal choice to continue fostering excellence and innovation at Concord. We are confident that her vision and commitment will guide our school community to even greater success."

Superintendent Mark Cross added, "I believe that we have not only hired the best principal for the future of Concord, but also the best person. Katie is a rising star with impeccable integrity who will always focus on doing what is right for kids, and will involve our teachers, staff, and parents as partners in the education of our children. We are all very excited to see Katie shine even more as a leader."

Mrs. Doyle holds a Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, where she played Division I soccer. She also has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University, and a Master's in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University.

As an educator, Mrs. Doyle is deeply committed to building a school culture that prioritizes the engagement and academic growth of students, the involvement of parents, and the collaboration of teachers and staff. She is excited to continue her work at Concord, focusing on providing every child with a nurturing and academically challenging educational experience.

"I am beyond excited and truly honored to serve as the Principal at Concord. I've been privileged to work alongside so many amazing educators, students, and families over the years, and I'm passionate about ensuring every student feels seen, heard, and valued. I can't wait to work even more closely with our talented staff and supportive parents to make sure we're creating a supportive and engaging learning environment. The strong relationships we've built here are what make this school so special, and I'm thrilled to continue growing with this incredible team," said Mrs. Doyle.

Mrs. Doyle resides in Glen Ellyn with her husband, John Gast, and their daughter, Emily. The family is excited to welcome another daughter in February.