

Colfax-Mingo

Community Schools



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Colfax-Mingo Schools is proud to announce that Alexandra Lancaster has been hired as the 7-12 grade principal for the 2021-2022 school year! Mrs. Lancaster will replace current principal, Todd Jones, who is set to retire at the end of this school year.

Alex Lancaster is an experienced secondary educator and a visionary leader who has a passion for education and ensuring the success of every student. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Creighton University and Masters degrees in the Science of Teaching and Educational Leadership from Drake University. Originally from Waukee, Mrs. Lancaster has taught in the Southeast Polk and Johnston Community school districts. She is currently a lead teacher and 7th-grade social studies instructor at Summit Middle School in Johnston. She and her husband Joe currently reside in Urbandale with their three sons: Clay, Chandler, and Cameron. They are excited to become a part of the Colfax and Mingo communities and to build upon the great things already happening at Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School.

On Feb. 24, Colfax-Mingo interviewed three highly-qualified candidates. 48 members of the Tigerhawk family were involved in the interview process. Here are some comments from committee members regarding Mrs. Lancaster:

- *"She was able to give the 'how' not just state desires. She was clear, concise and passionate. Committed to long-term growth."*
- *"Positive, enthusiastic, and decisive."*
- *"Valuable equity and inclusion perspectives."*
- *"Definitely a 'wow' factor"*
- *"I love her vision!"*
- *"Enthusiastic and wants to be immersed in the district"*
- *"So many inspiring and great ideas"*
- *"Energy!"*



Superintendent Erik Anderson commented that it's an honor to welcome Mrs. Lancaster into the Colfax-Mingo school community. In a pool of very distinguished candidates, she rose to the top. "Mrs. Lancaster's commitment to students, skill set, and desire to be a part of the Colfax-Mingo family was clear", Mr. Anderson remarked. "She is knowledgeable about school improvement, connects well with students, and has unique experiences that match the direction of Colfax-Mingo as well as the profile developed from parent, staff, and student input. We are lucky to have her joining our family."

Mrs. Lancaster stated, "One aspect that solidified my decision about joining this district was the consistent comments about the excellent staff and teachers and their dedication to student success. This speaks to the positive culture that I was seeking. I am very excited to join the Colfax-Mingo School District and immerse myself and my family in the communities."

Mrs. Lancaster will officially begin her role as principal on July 1.

Colfax-Mingo Community School District's mission is to ensure a community that fosters life-long learners, independent thinkers, and productive citizens of character!