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Derby Ridge Elementary School Principal Announced

Columbia, MO -- Tonya Henry will be recommended to the Columbia Board of Education to become the principal at Derby Ridge Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year.

Henry will take over the role from Mary Korth-Lloyd, a retired Columbia Public Schools principal, who has been working on an interim basis in the position.

Henry has spent her entire professional career with Columbia Public Schools and is also a graduate of Rock Bridge High School. Henry has been the assistant principal at Derby Ridge Elementary School since 2018 and has more than 20 years of experience in education. Prior to her current position, she was a science and AVID teacher at Oakland Middle School. She has also been an elementary classroom teacher for multiple grade levels, a middle school social studies teacher, a parent educator with the Parents As Teachers program and a summer school administrator among other roles in the district. She has an undergraduate degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri. She also holds a master's degree and an education specialist degree in administration from William Woods University. She is also currently working on her dissertation for her doctorate degree in administration from William Woods University.

"We're excited to have Ms. Henry continue her leadership role with Columbia Public Schools. She will do an outstanding job at Derby Ridge and will be a familiar face for families and the school's community," said Superintendent Peter Stiepleman.

"I am truly honored that I get to continue my administration career with Columbia Public Schools," said Henry. "I have spent the last two years as the assistant principal at Derby Ridge and now I get to step into a new role working with a great community of teachers, students and parents."

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