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Blue Valley announces new executive director of student services

Mark Schmidt has been named executive director of student services for the Blue Valley School District effective July 1. Schmidt currently works as the director of human resources for the De Soto School District. He is replacing Sue Denny, who will begin her new role as executive director of school administration.

Schmidt began his career in administration in 1993 as assistant principal at the Goddard Middle Level Center in Goddard, KS. He was named principal at the Lexington Trails Middle School in De Soto, KS in 1998. Prior to 1993, Schmidt taught middle school Social Studies in Hillsboro, KS and in Topeka, KS.

“I am excited to join the Blue Valley School District which has such an outstanding reputation for educational excellence,” said Schmidt. “I look forward to collaborating with parents, staff, the administrative team and the Blue Valley community.”

Schmidt received his bachelor’s degree in history from Bethel College. He earned a master’s degree in Education Administration from Emporia State University and he received his Ed. D. from the University of Kansas.

“We are pleased to have Mark joining us in Blue Valley,” said Al Hanna, deputy superintendent of Administrative Services. “His district-level experience will be an asset.”

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