



SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

News Release

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Interim Principal Named to Lead Blue Heron Elementary

June 17, 2013 (Circle Pines, MN)—The Centennial District 12 School Board has selected Jason W. Hartmann as the interim principal of Blue Heron Elementary. Dan Melde, the school's current principal, will begin his position as Director of Human Resources for the District in July.

Hartmann has been an elementary principal with the North Branch Area School District since 2009 and an assistant principal with the Big Lake School District from 2007-2009. He was also the K-12 District Curriculum Supervisor and Extended Day Coordinator with St. Francis School District and has elementary teaching experience in Saint Anthony, Minn. and Mora, Minn.

Hartmann holds a K-12 Administrative Licensure Certificate and Master's Degree from Saint Mary's University and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Coaching Certificate from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. He has been a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Council of Teaching Mathematics, the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association and the National Elementary School Principals' Association.

"The District is undergoing a long-range facilities study that may impact leadership in the future," said **Dr. Keith Dixon, Superintendent, Centennial ISD 12**. "The District opted to hire an interim principal until that study is complete. Jason brings great leadership strengths to the team, and we look forward to continued success at Blue Heron."

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