



Grass Lake School District #36

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Grass Lake Elementary School District #36 Announcement: Retirement of Dr. William Newby and Appointment of Dr. Ryan Wollberg as New Superintendent

Dear Grass Lake Families,

We are writing to share an important update regarding the leadership of Grass Lake Elementary School District #36. After careful consideration, Dr. William Newby has announced his decision to retire as Superintendent following the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Newby has dedicated over 9 years of service to our district, leaving a lasting impact on our school and community. He has been a pillar of strength and vision for our district, guiding us through numerous challenges and spearheading significant improvements. We are grateful for his leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to providing the best educational experience for our students.

We are excited to share that at the January 21, 2025, Board of Education meeting, Dr. Ryan Wollberg, the current principal of Grass Lake Elementary School, was appointed as Dr. Newby's successor. Dr. Wollberg will officially take on the role of Superintendent effective July 1, 2026, following Dr. Newby's retirement. Since joining Grass Lake in 2023, Dr. Wollberg has demonstrated exceptional leadership, a deep understanding of our district, and a passion for education. His expertise in school leadership, community engagement, staff development, curriculum design, and financial management makes him an outstanding choice to lead our district forward.

Over the next year, Dr. Newby and Dr. Wollberg will work closely together to ensure a seamless transition. We are confident that under Dr. Wollberg's leadership, Grass Lake Elementary will continue to thrive and uphold its mission to nurture and empower students to explore, achieve, and excel.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Newby on his well-deserved upcoming retirement and Dr. Wollberg on his new role. We are excited about the bright future ahead for Grass Lake Elementary School District #36.

Sincerely,
Teri Holbert
Board President
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