



Nelson to Lead Newby Elementary

Mooresville, Ind. –Krista Nelson has been appointed as the next principal of Newby Memorial Elementary School by the Mooresville Schools Board of Directors. Nelson is currently the principal at Templeton Elementary School in Bloomington.



“I am excited for the opportunity to join the Mooresville school community,” said Nelson. “I look forward to working with the Newby Elementary staff, students, parents and Mooresville community to ensure our students are successful learners and problem solvers.”

A screening team of school staff members and district administrators took part in the interview process, choosing Nelson from more than 60 applicants. The team recommended Nelson at Tuesday evening’s School Board meeting.

“Krista Nelson is the right person and educational leader to serve Newby at this specific time in history,” said Superintendent Brad Lindsay. “Krista’s experience as a leader of learning, serving as school principal, and proven dedication to students, staff and community will provide right direction to our Newby TEAM.”

Nelson previously served as the assistant principal at Templeton as well as an elementary teacher at Forest Glen International Elementary School in Indianapolis. While at Forest Glen, she was named the MSD of Lawrence Township Teacher of the Year as well as an Indiana Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist in 2006. She has also served as the director of Adventure Camp for Monroe County Schools, a project-based learning summer program for 21st Century Scholar students in preschool through 8th grade.

“Our staff hoped to find a leader who was familiar with leading a school similar to the size and demographic makeup of Newby, who has experience with using student data to match and align teaching and instructional resources, and who could lead and encourage our students in an upbeat and positive manner,” said Newby teacher Wendy Haas, who served on the screening team. “Mrs. Nelson has the right mix of enthusiasm, experience, strength, and public relations skills to lead Newby to the next level.”

Nelson earned her Administrative Licensure from Indiana University and her Master’s Degree in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University. She was an Indiana University Armstrong Teacher Award Nominee in 2007 and has also received the IPL Golden Apple educator award.

“Our team will work together to continue the rich history of Newby Elementary and at the same time we will strive to see that all students succeed,” said Nelson. “I am excited for the future and honored to be working with the Mooresville Team.”

Nelson and her husband, Chuck, have one daughter, Karter.