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Derby Ridge Elementary School Principal Announced

Columbia, MO -- Bonita Benson has been named the principal at Derby Ridge Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year.

Benson will replace current principal Kristi Shinn who will become the district director of curriculum and instruction at the end of the school year.

Benson has been the assistant principal at Rock Bridge Elementary School since 2014. Prior to her role at Rock Bridge Elementary School she was the assistant principal at Paxton Keeley Elementary School for two years. In total, Benson has 12 years of experience as an administrator. She has also taught English, social studies, reading and has been an instructional coach.

Benson holds an education specialist degree from the University of Central Missouri and a master’s degree in education from Avila University.

“Ms. Benson has more than a decade of experience in school administration. She will continue to build upon the educational commitment of students, faculty and staff at Derby Ridge,” said Superintendent Peter Stiepleman.

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