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**Benton STEM Elementary School Principal Named**

**Columbia, MO --** The principal for Benton STEM Elementary School has been named.

Laura Beeler will be recommended to the Board of Education to fill the role. Beeler is currently the assistant principal at Mill Creek Elementary School.

Prior to joining Columbia Public Schools, Beeler served a variety of leadership roles in the Moberly School District. Her 25 years of experience in education include serving as a teacher, literacy coach, district coordinator, and assistant principal. Additionally, she has participated in professional development to integrate math and literacy and has 18 years of experience with students in poverty.

Beeler holds bachelor’s degree in education, a master’s in education and a doctoral degree in educational administration.

“Dr. Beeler’s background, vision, communication, leadership skills, and dedication toward collaborative and strategic leadership make her a wonderful candidate for Benton STEM Elementary,” said Superintendent Peter Stiepleman.

Beeler will replace current principal Troy Hogg. Hogg has accepted a position in the Kirkwood School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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