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Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School Principal Named

Columbia, MO -- Edward Elsea will be recommended to the Board of Education as the 2015-16 principal of Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School.

Elsea is currently an elementary principal with the Lebanon R-3 School District in Lebanon, Missouri. He has 13 years of experience as an elementary principal, one year as an assistant principal, and seven years of experience as a teacher, including experience in music, instrumental and choral instruction. He has been active with the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals, Missouri Choral Directors Association, and numerous professional development initiatives involving effective instructional practices with arts integration. Elsea was also named the Southwest Missouri Distinguished Principal in 2013.

He holds an educational specialist degree, master's degree in educational administration, and a bachelor's degree in music education.

“Mr. Elsea’s vision and knowledge of arts integrated education, along with his successful experiences as a principal and educator, make him a wonderful candidate for Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School,” said Superintendent Peter Stiepleman.

Elsea will be replacing current principal Karen Burger. Burger announced her retirement earlier this school year.

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