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Smithton Middle School Announces New Principal

Columbia, MO -- Smithton Middle School will welcome a new leader next school year.

Dr. Ed Schumacher will be recommended to the Board of Education as the new principal. Schumacher will replace current principal Jean Selby who announced she had taken a position with Belton School District earlier this school year.

Schumacher is currently the principal at Russell Boulevard Elementary School. He has been an elementary principal at Columbia Public Schools for the past 15 years. Additionally, his experiences include teaching at Liberty Junior High School for seven years, during which time he completed his administrative internship developing components of the new Liberty Middle School. He developed a middle school program for a parochial school, where he served as the principal for a decade. He holds a doctorate in education from St. Louis University.

“Dr. Schumacher’s leadership experiences in elementary through junior high, knowledge of instructional strategies, interventions, processes, and communication style make him a strong match for Smithton Middle School,” said Peter Stiepleman, assistant superintendent for elementary education and incoming superintendent. “Of equal importance and value is his knowledge of the Russell students and families that feed into the Smithton attendance area. We are confident these factors will promote a seamless and positive transition school.”

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