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## Chisholm School Board names CHS principal



Chisholm Public Schools has selected Cindy Black as the new Chisholm High School principal. Board of Education members approved her employment during a special board meeting Thursday morning.

Black is currently a Deer Creek High School assistant principal and a former Enid High School assistant principal. She also has extensive experience as a school counselor and teacher.

She will begin her duties as CHS principal July 1.

"Mrs. Black will be an excellent addition to our school family," Dr. Dudley Darrow, incoming superintendent said. "She is a knowledgeable and caring leader, who understands the needs of students and wants to ensure they have the best opportunities possible. Her focus is people, and I know she will build strong relationships with the school staff, parents and community members."

According to Black, she is excited to return to Northwest Oklahoma, where she lived for 20 years, and to join the Chisholm team.

"Chisholm is an outstanding school district — with a strong tradition and a bright future," Black said. "I am grateful to Dr. Darrow and the school board for selecting me with this position. I am excited to work with the staff. We'll continue to work to provide all students with an enriching, well-rounded school experience that will prepare for them for college, careers and beyond."

Black began her career as a business and English education teacher and a coach, working for both Oklahoma and Texas districts. From 1998-2009, she served as the lead counselor for Covington Public Schools. She then served Enid Public Schools for ten years — as lead counselor at Longfellow Middle School, lead counselor for Waller Middle School and assistant principal at Enid High School. In 2019, she accepted a position as assistant principal for Deer Creek High School, where she worked for three years.

Black, who is a native of southern Oklahoma, earned her bachelor's degree in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and her master's degree in education leadership from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She is certified as an elementary principal, secondary principal, guidance counselor and in secondary English/language arts.

Black said the Chisholm families and residents can expect her to be accessible, visible and involved in school and community activities.

"Chisholm values community and family – which are both very important to me," Black said. "I believe the best schools are strong collaborations between staff, families and local residents. Chisholm is a school community that invests in the success of each and every child and takes pride in its schools. I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Chisholm Public Schools, home to 1,150 students, is located in North Enid. The district 's mission is to empower students to strive for personal excellence while growing in mind, body, and spirit. Chisholm schools and students consistently succeed in all areas of school – including academics and extracurricular activities.

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