



INTRODUCING MR. ADAM BECKEL

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE

We are pleased to announce Mr. Adam Beckel has accepted the job of Interstate 35 Secondary Principal. He's joining I-35 from his role as Pella High School Principal. Mr. Beckel is focused on building strong relationships with students, staff and the community so students and staff can succeed. This philosophy dovetails with our own mission of supporting student for success. The interview committee made up of parents, teachers and other staff, along with the Administration panel feel that Mr. Beckel's drive to help students succeed will be an incredible asset in our community. We believe he will help our community connect, rebuild trust and help positively shape the future of our school.

Q & A WITH MR. BECKEL

Q: Please tell us about yourself.

I've been an educator for almost 20 years. My wife, Angela, and I have been married 18 years and we have two sons - Jack (12) and Hank (7).

Q: What's your educational philosophy?

That student connection is the most important element to being an effective educator. Finding ways to make subjects interesting and engaging helps students learn. We do that by showing an interest in their passions and them as people.

Q: What if we have more questions?

Come meet with me. I'm excited to get to know the staff and families here and I want you to get to know me. So please reach out!

“**Mr. Beckel showed a passion for education and excitement for the I-35 community. He's heard great things about us and wants to be part of it.**

- Administrative Committee

Q: What made you want to join I-35?

I've heard great things about this community and school. And I wanted to be a part of the positive things happening here. It's exciting to think about working together to help students succeed.

Q: Is your current role impacted by joining I-35?

Not significantly at this time. We are focused on a smooth transition for the Pella Community. That means I continue my role as HS Principal for the remainder of the school year, while bringing the new HS Principal (a Pella MS Principal) up to speed on the high school. My contract with Pella expires June 30, so that's when I'll join I-35 full-time.

“**One of Mr. Beckel's strengths is he wants to support I-35 as a place where students want to be by getting students involved and engaged, getting them to understand what the policies are and why.**

- Interview Committee