



Jodi Lax Approved as New Principal of Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center

May 21, 2024

Antioch CCSD 34 is pleased to announce that at the May 21, 2024 Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Jodi Lax was approved as the new principal of Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center, effective July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Lax has served as the Assistant Principal of Antioch Upper Grade School for the last eight years, working closely with staff, students and families. Prior to her assistant principalship at AUGS, Mrs. Lax was an Assistant Principal for three years at John Powers Center in Vernon Hills, serving students in preschool through twelfth grade. Before becoming an administrator, Mrs. Lax spent 11 years in the classroom as a teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) through the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL).

"I am incredibly excited and grateful for the opportunity to lead Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center," said Mrs. Lax. "I look forward to working closely with our talented teachers, supportive staff, and dedicated parents to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our students."

Mrs. Lax brings a wealth of experience and is dedicated to fostering a supportive and enriching environment for all learners. As principal, Mrs. Lax looks forward to strengthening family and community engagement, and ensuring that each child feels valued and supported. She believes in the importance of creating a love of learning in young students and educating the whole child, focusing on their academic, social, and emotional development.

Mrs. Lax earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Deaf Education from Northern Illinois University, a Masters degree in Teaching and Learning from St. Xavier University, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Concordia University.

A longtime resident of Antioch, Mrs. Lax is the proud parent to three children, Braydon, Laila, and Ambria, all D34 graduates. She enjoys golfing and spending time with her family, which will include watching her daughter cheer for Marquette University in the fall. She is excited to continue serving the students and families of D34 as the principal of Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center. "I am enthusiastic about meeting each of our wonderful students and their families. Together, we will build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and create a positive, inclusive atmosphere where every child can thrive."