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Dirk Troutman Named Next CPU Intermediate School Principal

Veteran educator brings 30 years of leadership experience to the role

URBANA, IA – Pending board approval, Dirk Troutman has been selected as the next principal of Center Point-Urbana Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2025.

Troutman, who currently serves as PK-6 principal in the Fort Madison Community School District, was chosen following an extensive selection process. All three of the district's hiring committees—including the administrative team and two mixed parent-teacher-community groups—unanimously supported his leadership for the role.

“Dirk’s leadership experience and dedication to student growth will make a tremendous impact on our district,” said Superintendent John W. Elkin. “His ability to build positive relationships with students, staff, and the community has made him a standout leader—qualities that ultimately made him the clear choice for this position. We are excited to welcome him to CPU Intermediate school and look forward to his leadership.”

With more than 30 years of experience in education, Troutman has held administrative and teaching positions in the Clear Creek-Amana, Glidden-Ralston, and Carroll Community School Districts. In Fort Madison, he oversaw Iowa’s largest elementary building, with more than 1,000 students, and successfully led a complex school merger to unify multiple campuses. As a key member of the District Guiding Coalition leadership team, he has played a vital role in shaping educational initiatives and mentoring educators.

Troutman holds a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Drake University and a Bachelor of Science in Social Science Education from the University of Northern Iowa.

With close ties to Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area, Troutman looks forward to returning to the region and bringing his leadership and vision to Center-Point Urbana Intermediate School, continuing his commitment to student success and academic excellence.

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Note to Editor: A photo of Dirk Troutman is available [here](#).