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Dan Devore to Serve as Next CPU Secondary Principal

CENTER POINT, IA — Dan Devore will serve as the next secondary principal for the Center Point-Urbana Community School District, pending formal approval by the School Board.

Devore was selected following a multistage interview process that included input from committees of teachers, support staff, administrators, students and parents. Committee members identified Devore as a student-focused leader whose calm demeanor and instructional knowledge align with the district's culture and goals.

Devore brings more than 15 years of experience in school administration. He previously served as principal at Metro High School and City View Community High School in Cedar Rapids. He is currently a facilitator at Washington High School, where he oversees student behavior supports and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) programming.

"Dan's experience launching innovative school models and his deep investment in both academic systems and student wellbeing made him a standout candidate for this role," said CPU Superintendent John Elkin. "He values structure, but never loses sight of the human element—something we believe is essential for leading in today's schools."

Committee members cited Devore's communication skills, student advocacy, and community relationships as key strengths. The district also noted his experience in standards-based grading, restorative practices, and equity initiatives as areas that contributed to his selection.

Additionally, committee members noted Devore's preparedness, self-awareness, and openness to growth as key indicators of his leadership potential. His vision of gradual cultural alignment, empowerment of staff, and collaborative problem solving was widely seen as a strong match for CPU's current needs and long-term goals.

Devore is slated to begin his role officially on July 1.

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Note to Editor: A photo of Dan Devore is available [at this link](#).