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Mead HS Principal Submits Resignation, Successor Announced

MEAD, Wash. — Mead High School Principal Dr. Kimberly Jensen submitted a letter of resignation this morning, effective June 30, 2025. In the letter submitted to the district, Dr. Jensen said, “It has been an honor to serve Mead High School and this community for the past three years. I am deeply grateful for the relationships and meaningful work alongside an incredible staff.” Dr. Jensen met with MHS staff on Tuesday morning to share her desire to pursue new career opportunities outside of the Mead School District.

In a concurrent step, Superintendent Travis Hanson announced the appointment of Troy Hughes as Mead High School’s next principal. Hughes, currently a Principal on Special Assignment who is serving as MHS Athletic Director for 2024-25, will assume the principalship on July 1.

“In the face of significant challenges in her three years at Mead High School, Dr. Jensen’s leadership never wavered from the important work of listening, supporting, and equipping as she worked diligently to create opportunities for both students and staff to grow and flourish,” Hanson said. “As we look forward, we are confident that Troy Hughes will continue the work of ensuring that Mead High School provides an exceptional educational experience for kids and families. During his time as a principal at Northwood Middle School, Hughes was often heard sharing his belief that “...schools must be places where all kids feel known, supported, respected, and challenged.”

Hughes brings a wealth of educational leadership experience and a strong commitment to academic excellence and fostering a culture of unity and care. His 24 years of experience in education, combined with familiarity with the Mead community, make him well-positioned to build on the foundation of excellence that MHS has to offer. Hughes’ career in education has included time as an English teacher, head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, seven years as an Assistant Principal, and six years as Principal at Northwood Middle School.

“Transitions are an important time in any system, and our priority is to continue supporting students, families, and staff every step of the way,” Hughes said. “I am dedicated to creating an environment where every student feels valued and has the opportunity to succeed. Together, we will build on what’s great about Mead High School and create a culture of care that empowers all students to thrive.”