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Hardin County Schools names new Cecilia Valley principal

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Casey Goodman

Cecilia Valley Elementary School will have a new leader to start this next school year.

Assistant Principal Casey Goodman will begin his service as the school's new principal on July 1, according to a news release from Hardin County Schools. He succeeds Nicole Kiser, who has accepted a position with the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative.

"I am honored to be the next principal at Cecilia Valley," Goodman said in the release. "Excellence in education is in my blood. Both of my parents worked in education. That is, in part, why I'm so excited. I'm thrilled to be able to continue supporting our students and staff in the exciting journey of growing and learning each day."

Goodman has served as the school's assistant principal for two years. He began his career as a special education teacher at Briarwood Elementary in Warren County Public Schools.

After a nine year tenure there, he came to Radcliff Elementary School as a special needs Positive Approach to Student Success teacher. He then transitioned to G.C. Burkhead Elementary School and worked in the same capacity for three years before coming to Cecilia Valley.

"Mr. Goodman has invested himself into the Cecilia Valley family of students, staff and community," Hardin County Schools Superintendent Teresa Morgan said in the release. "He is a servant leader. He is kind and has a genuine desire to engage students, staff and families. He will continue the legacy of success at Cecilia Valley. His experiences will certainly help in his new role."

Goodman said he is looking forward to his tenure.

“We have a tradition of high expectations for our students,” Goodman said in the release. “We will continue to raise the bar and look for new ways to ensure our students are successful in the classroom and are ready to move to middle school with all of the tools they need.”

Goodman is a Central Hardin High School graduate. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Western Kentucky University and his Rank I in Instructional Leadership from the University of the Cumberlands.