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West Hardin's new principal has ties to school

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Christin Swords

A former assistant principal at West Hardin Middle School is returning to lead the school as its next principal.

Christin Swords has been selected to serve as the next principal at West Hardin Middle School and will leave her job at the central office.

She currently is the Hardin County Schools director of middle school instruction, curriculum and assessment. Before taking that position in 2021, she was an assistant principal at West Hardin for four years and a language arts teacher there for seven years.

"West Hardin is home to me and I am truly honored to serve the wonderful staff, students and families of West Hardin," Swords said in a district news release. "I believe in the power of collaboration and look forward to building strong relationships and partnerships with families and the community. Placing the needs and interests of students is a top priority. Together, we can create an environment where each student feels valued, supported and empowered to reach their full potential."

Swords graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree in middle grades education. She earned a master of arts degree and principal certification from the University of the Cumberlands.

She begins at West Hardin this summer and replaces WHMS Principal Michael Elmore who is retiring.

Superintendent Teresa Morgan called Swords "... a natural leader," in the release.

"She is professional. She is an extremely hard worker and is truly dedicated to students' success," Morgan added. "She has proven that she has the ability to be a very strong principal."