

## **DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #8**

### **Announcement: New Grade School Principal**

Due to Mrs. Ewing's move to the JH/HS, I have invited Assistant Principal/Federal Programs Director, Dana Symons, to serve as Principal of Dayton Grade School. Mrs. Symons is willing to step into this new role and I have every confidence in her ability to continue to grow Dayton Grade School. She will also continue serving in her role as Federal Programs Director.

Mrs. Symons will assume the principal position officially July 1, 2019, however, she will be involved with several hiring processes and recommendations as we finish out this school year.

Mrs. Symons began her role as Assistant Principal in 2016 and is finishing her third year as an administrator in Dayton. Mrs. Symons was hired in Dayton in 1993 as an Instructional Assistant and began working as a Licensed Teacher in 1996.

Mrs. Symons will continue to bring great care and compassion to our elementary level students with an important lens on achievement and equity. She is a champion of all students but especially those students who speak Spanish as that is her second language. Being bilingual brings such a strength to our administrative team when we serve so many Spanish speaking households. I am grateful for Dana being willing to take on this new challenge and bring both consistency and growth to our elementary students.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best regards,

Jason Hay, Superintendent