



COLE COUNTY R-1 RUSSELLVILLE NEWSLETTER

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Join us in
welcoming

Jeff West

Superintendent
Cole R-1 School District
effective July 1, 2026

THE COLE R-1 SCHOOL BOARD IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE JEFF WEST AS OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT BEGINNING JULY 1.

JEFF HAS 24 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION INCLUDING 14 YEARS SERVING AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LEADER.

"WE BELIEVE HIS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE HAS PREPARED HIM FOR THIS IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP ROLE, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH JEFF AS HE JOINS OUR TEAM AND BECOMES A PART OF THE RUSSELLVILLE COMMUNITY," SAID ADAM WEBER, BOARD PRESIDENT.

"I AM INCREDIBLY HONORED AND EXCITED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS THE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT. I BELIEVE STRONG SCHOOLS ARE BUILT THROUGH SERVICE, PARTNERSHIPS AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS CENTERED ON LEARNING AND TEACHING. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY WITH A COMMITMENT TO TRUST, TRANSPARENCY AND DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS EACH AND EVERY DAY," SAID JEFF WEST.

JEFF RECEIVED A SPECIALIST DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MASTERS DEGREE IN ADMINISTRATION FROM WILLIAMS WOODS UNIVERSITY, AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING JEFF TO OUR DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY!

THE COMPASS

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 20, 2026 COLE R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- APPROVED THE TAX RATE FOR THIS YEAR
- APPROVED A PREPAYMENT \$215,000 PREPAYMENT ON MARCH 1, 2027 OF THE \$3,370,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022. THIS PREPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL WILL SAVE THE DISTRICT \$39,150 IN FUTURE INTEREST EXPENSE.
- APPROVED THE DUAL CREDIT MOU WITH CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY
- THE BOE READOPTED THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES
- APPROVED THE POWER STANDARDS
- APPROVED THE TITLE I CONTRACT FOR NON-PUBLIC STUDENTS WITH JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- APPROVED THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTS
- THE BOARD HEARD ON INFORMATION ON OUR NEW SRO GARRETT HENTGES
- THE BOARD HEARD INFORMATION ON THE OPTION FOR ATHLETIC EVENT ATTENDEES TO USE DIGITAL TICKETING PROVIDED BY HUDL FOR ADMISSION INTO HOME EVENTS. LIKEWISE, THEY HEARD INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO CHARGE FOR LIVE STREAMING OF ATHLETIC EVENTS.
- ALL ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDED REPORTS; SPECIAL PROGRAMS WAS THE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT
- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

-OUTLINED PROJECTED FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AND EMPHASIZED FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STEWARDSHIP

-PROVIDED A STATUS UPDATE OF THE SUMMER PROJECTS, REPAIRS, THE PAT ROOM

-PROVIDED A STATUS UPDATE ON THE CSIP; WE ARE IN CYCLE 2 WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS DEC. 31.

STAFFING UPDATES:

- ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF AUSTIN ANDERSON - MS ASSISTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH
- ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF JASON KIMMINAU - MS ASSISTANT BOYS BASKETBALL COACH
- APPROVED LESLIE DEWESPORE - VOLUNTEER MS VOLLEYBALL COACH
- APPROVED BETH HALE - ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY COACH
- APPROVED JENNIFER CALLIHAM - COOK

THANK YOU,
JEFF WEST

Welcome TO OUR NEW STAFF



New TO THE TRIBE

MICHELLE DISTLER
3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL TEACHER

- I have received my bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and a certification in Library Media Specialist through the University of Central Missouri.
- After graduating from UCM I worked as 3 year old preschool teacher at Little Explore's Discovery Center for 3 years.
- Then I went and taught at Thorpe Gordon STEM Academy in Jefferson City and taught 3rd grade, 2nd grade and Kindergarten. Spending 6 of those years teaching kindergarten.
- In my free time I like to read, garden and watch my boys play sports.

I AM EXCITED TO GET TO come back home AND SHARE MY PASSION FOR TEACHING LITTLE LEARNERS IN MY COMMUNITY.

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New TO THE TRIBE

BRYCE HALE
HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE & MATH TEACHER

- Bryce is a proud Russellville Alumni.
- He graduated from Westminster College where he played football.
- In his spare time you can find him working out, running long-distance or coaching football as a part of the Russellville coaching staff.

I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE serving THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY I GREW UP IN!

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Welcome TO THE TRIBE

BETH HALE
JH SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
VARSITY GIRLS ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH

- Received her BS in Business Administration majoring in Human Resources, Elementary Education with specialization in K-12 Special Education in 2019.
- Have worked in special education K-8 for the past 7 years.
- In my free time I love spending time with my family, drinking coffee, baking, painting and watching my boys play football
- I love being involved in sports and will watch basketball at any given time! Especially when my kids are playing!
- Looking forward to being part of the Russellville community and getting involved as a family within the school district!

AS AN EDUCATOR AND COACH, MY GOAL IS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE COURT.

I'M EXCITED TO BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS, SUPPORT GROWTH, AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF MY STUDENTS AND ATHLETES EVERY DAY.

RUSSELLVILLE INDIANS STAFF



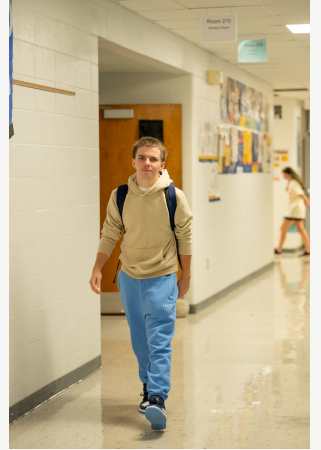
Russellville FFA Chapter Crushing Big Goals

The Russellville FFA Chapter has been ranked in the top 7% of the 9,500 FFA chapters in the nation for the high quality of chapter activities. Chapter Vice Presidents Jada Schmidt and Bella Maharas completed and submitted the application.

FFA Members Collin Mouser, Maisie Maier, Ellysa Schweer, Meredith Benne, Marshal Schroeder, Ethan Strobel, Garrett Holtgrewe, & Tanner Trinklein will receive their American Degree at this year's National FFA Convention



JHHHS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



JOIN IN THE HOMECOMING FUN!!
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 - 25
HOMECOMING PARADE SEPTEMBER 25 2:00 PM
(EARLY RELEASE DAY 12:30)
HOMECOMING GAME SEPT. 25 7:00 PM
HOMECOMING DANCE SEPT. 26 7:00 PM
(9 - 12 GRADE STUDENTS)

**MIGRATING
ACROSS THE USA**

HOMECOMING DRESS UP DAYS

Monday  **EAST COAST**
PREPPY / COUNTRY CLUB
YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Tuesday  **MIDWEST**
REDNECK / COUNTRY

Wednesday  **WEST COAST**
HAWAIIAN / SURFER

Thursday  **NATIONWIDE**
RED, WHITE, & BLUE

Friday  **SPIRIT DAY**
WHITE & BLUE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21

OUR GATE GROUP IS DOING A UNIT ON THE HISTORY OF RUSSELLVILLE. IF ANYONE HAS ANY PAST PHOTOS OR HISTORY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE PLEASE CONTACT BETHANY WEBER @ BWEBER@COLER1INDIANS.ORG

Midnight Madness Practices

On August 10th at 12:01 am, Russellville Indians athletes gathered at Russellville High School for the 1st official sport's practices of the 26-27 season. There was a great turnout for the practice and a lot of school spirit. Regular practices began on Tuesday, the 11th.



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by Expecting Excellence Today

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