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Morningside selects Mudd as principal

Former PE teacher and coach served school in interim role

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Morningside Elementary School will have a new principal next school year, but it is a face students and parents will recognize.

Tim Mudd, who has served as Morningside's interim principal, will become the school's permanent principal for the 2019-20 school year, according to a news release from Elizabethtown Independent Schools.

Mudd has been the interim principal since Oct. 8 after the resignation of Karla Buckingham, who is now a fifth-grade teacher at Shepherdsville Elementary School in Bullitt County.

In a statement, Mudd expressed appreciation to the site-based decision-making council and Elizabethtown Superintendent Jon Ballard for confidence expressed in him.

"The staff and students at Morningside are what helped me make my decision to apply for the principal position full-time," he said. "I look forward to helping make MES a great place to learn and work."

Mudd has an extensive background with Elizabethtown Independent Schools. He is an Elizabethtown High School graduate and has a physical education degree from Western Kentucky University. Mudd started working as a physical education teacher in 1990 at Elizabethtown High School.

In 1992, he taught physical education at Helmwood Heights and Valley View elementary schools, before eventually settling at Helmwood Heights full-time after Valley View closed.

His tenure with the district also includes a coaching career with the Elizabethtown High School girls' softball team, the T.K. Stone Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade girls' basketball team and the Elizabethtown High School girls' freshman basketball team. In the 1994-95 school year, he began a coaching position as the Elizabethtown High School girls' head basketball coach, winning a state championship in 1998.

Mudd brings more than 28 years of education experience to the office, including five months as interim principal. Ballard said he was pleased to have Mudd in the position.

“Mr. Mudd has been a proven leader in various aspects throughout his career,” Ballard said in the news release. “He has done an outstanding job in the interim role as Morningside principal and we are very excited about his continued service in that role.”