

## **Pattonville Board names new administrators**

The Pattonville Board of Education recently approved four selections for administrative positions in the Pattonville School District. All of the new administrators will begin their roles on July 1, 2008.

Montize Aaron was selected as principal of Willow Brook Elementary. He is currently an assistant principal at Steger Sixth Grade Center/Computer School in the Webster Groves School District. He completed an elementary administrative internship, served as summer school principal and was a fifth-grade teacher in the Rockwood School District. Aaron earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Missouri State University and his master's degree in educational leadership from Lindenwood University. He will replace Karen Hall, who will begin a new position as assistant superintendent in the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District.

DeAndre Thomas was hired by the board as assistant principal at Holman Middle School. He is currently an assistant principal at Hazelwood East Middle School. Prior to this role, he worked at the Lindbergh School District as lead teacher of the district summer school program and as after-school instruction coordinator at Truman Elementary. He also worked as an elementary teacher at Truman and Kenwood elementary schools. Thomas earned his bachelor's degree in education from Missouri State University and his master's in education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He will take the place of Jerona Washington, who was chosen as principal of Briar Crest Elementary School.

Tiffany Besse and Cara Hiripitiyage were selected as assistant principals at Pattonville High School.

Besse currently works as an assistant principal at Eureka High School in the Rockwood School District. She previously taught chemistry and biology in the Francis Howell School District, where she also served as coordinator of the Viking Edge mentoring program and as district professional development chairperson. Besse holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Saint Louis University and master's degrees in teaching and in educational administration from Lindenwood University.

Hiripitiyage currently works as an English teacher at Lindbergh High School. She completed an administrative internship at Lindbergh High School and served as the substitute principal for the extended school year program at Lindbergh. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Maryville University as well as a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Besse and Hiripityage are replacing Nathan Hoven, who was selected as the new principal of Rolla High School, and Anthony Robinson, who was hired as the new principal of Ritenour High School.