

PRESS RELEASE FOR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ST. WALTER-ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Monsignor Dennis J. Lyle, St. Mary Magdalene parish pastor, and Kimberly Leonard, principal of St. Walter-St. Benedict School are pleased to announce that Ms. Lisa Agner has been selected as Assistant Principal beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Agner began her teaching career as a long-term substitute at St. Benedict School in 2002. She subsequently taught Preschool for 21 years at St. Benedict School, which then united and later became St. Walter-St. Benedict School. Since 2020, she has taught in and led the Blue Island campus Preschool for All program.

Ms. Agner earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology from Elmhurst University, graduating with Cumma Sum Laude honors. She also holds a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from Dominican University, with Special Education Approval, and is considered highly qualified in English as a Second Language.

Ms. Agner's enduring bond with the St. Walter-St. Benedict's community is a testament to her dedication and loyalty. Her extensive tenure and diverse roles reflect her deep involvement, including serving on the Board of Specified Jurisdiction, moderating the Student Council, leading the Early Childhood Team, and assisting the Principal. Her active participation in our fundraising committees, such as the Galas for Education and St. Benedict Fest, underscores her unwavering commitment. Moreover, her engagement in our Athletic Club, where she has held various positions, including Volleyball Coordinator and Coach, Treasurer, Vice President, and President, further demonstrates her steadfast dedication.

She has worked at the Archdiocesan level on standards-based report cards, Curriculum Writing teams, and Early Childhood Religion Priority Standards. She has also taken on the roles of Professional Development provider, Parent University presenter, NCEA panelist, and, most recently, Instructional Coach for the suburban Preschool for All schools.

Ms. Agner's professional accomplishments and affiliations testify to her unwavering educational commitment. Her membership in the National Organization of Professional Women, Pi Gamma Mu, The Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Scholastic My Big World advisory team highlight her active involvement in the education community. Her teaching career has been adorned with prestigious accolades, including a Who's Who Among America's Teachers designation (2007), the Chicago Archdiocese Heart of the School Award winner (2009), a Golden Apple Award nomination (2010), and The Blue Island Educator of the Year Award (2023), further affirming her exceptional qualifications for the Assistant Principal role.

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You may also visit our website to enroll your child today! www.stwstb.com St. Walter-St. Benedict School is fortunate to have such a caring and qualified individual for this position. We also currently have positions available for the following areas:

- Grade 1 teacher

This position is listed on the Archdiocese of Chicago website: <https://schools.archchicago.org/careers>