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**Blaine County School District Announces Retirement of Hemingway Principal**

Blaine County School District announces the retirement of Hemingway Principal Don Haisley. Haisley retires after a 37 year career in education. He has spent the last 16 of those years as principal, and the 8 years prior to that teaching at Hemingway Elementary.

Blaine County School District Superintendent Dr. GwenCarol Holmes said, "We are grateful to Mr. Haisley for his service over the past 24 years at Hemingway Elementary. We appreciate having ample notice to begin the search for a new principal to lead Hemingway in its expansion to a STEAM school and we wish Mr. Haisley the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Holmes continued, "As the Blaine County School District begins searching for a new principal of Hemingway Elementary, the district looks forward to building on the accomplishments of the staff and students at Hemingway. Mr. Haisley is leaving a legacy at Hemingway that includes the foundation for a STEAM school and we look forward to building on the groundwork he began with staff and parents. The district is committed to finding a new principal with the experience and enthusiasm for STEAM."

Principal Haisley stated, "During my tenure at Blaine County Schools, I have worked with, and for, an outstanding team of administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals. I have had the honor to be a formative part of hundreds of children's lives and been afforded the challenge and growth opportunities that make up a rewarding career. Thank you for everything that Blaine County School District has done for me, and for the outstanding opportunities and education you have provided for the children of our county, including my own two children."

Superintendent Dr. GwenCarol Holmes and Assistant Superintendent John Blackman will meet with staff and parents to identify the desired characteristics of a future principal. The search will be nationwide and the interview committee will include staff and parents from Hemingway School. Final selection will be made by Superintendent Dr. Holmes after the final candidate meets with staff and parents.

The district anticipates hiring a new principal by the end of the school year. Principal Haisley will remain as principal through the end of the current school year.

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