

Greetings Hamilton R-2 School District Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ashley Ford and I am excited to announce that I have been hired to be the Hamilton Elementary School principal. I am very honored to have been selected for this position and I look forward to serving our district, students, and parents.

This school year will be my eleventh year in education. Prior to making the switch to principal I was a special education director. In the past I have also taught special education PK-12. I attended Missouri Western State University to obtain my bachelor degree and William Woods University for both of my master's degrees. The certifications I currently hold are K-8 Principal, 9-12 Principal, K-12 Special Education Director, K-12 Special Education Teacher, and 9-12 Social Science.

Having been a graduate from Penney High School, I am very enthusiastic about returning to Hamilton R-2 School District. My husband, Robert, and I live within the district and currently live on a farm just outside of Hamilton.

The 2020-2021 school district had many different challenges for all districts across the United States. However, the goal of educators is to help students continue to strive to make the most of the situations that are given and to learn no matter what environment we are in. There is no way to predict what the 2021-2022 school year holds in store for us, but I do know that students will continue to be our top priority.

At HES (Hamilton Elementary School) we have approximately 330 students in Preschool through 5th grade. We have three sections of grades kindergarten through 5th grade which keeps our average class size at 16 students. We use school-wide positive behavior support (SW-PBS) to encourage our students to maintain positive behaviors throughout all areas of the school. HES is a professional learning community where faculty and staff collaborate with families regularly to do what is best for students.

If you have any concerns or questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aford@hamilton.k12.mo.us](mailto:aford@hamilton.k12.mo.us) or 816.583.4811.

Stay up to date by checking out our school website at: [www.hamilton.k12.mo.us](http://www.hamilton.k12.mo.us)

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Sincerely,

Ashley J. Ford

HES Principal