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### TAYLOR IVAN NAMED JANE L. WESTERHOLD EARLY LEARNING CENTER ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Des Plaines--Taylor Ivan was named the Jane L. Westerhold Early Learning Center assistant principal at the June 17 Board of Education meeting.

"I am honored and excited to continue to be a part of the District 62 community in this new role as Assistant Principal of the Westerhold Early Learning Center," said Ivan. "It has been a privilege to have worked in this amazing school district for nearly eight years and I am committed to continue to carry out the mission and vision of District 62. I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, and students to foster a nurturing environment for our youngest learners."

Ivan has spent the last eight years as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher and Teacher Facilitator, serving students and families at the Westerhold Early Learning Center. She has also served on various teams and committees in District 62, including the mentorship program and the Strategic Plan Team.

"I have had the pleasure of witnessing firsthand Ms. Ivan's dedication to her work and commitment to District 62 families and community," said incoming Principal of the Early Learning Center Xrisovalantou Garbis. "She has an

extensive background in early childhood and will be an asset to the Early Learning Center leadership team.”

Ivan is a graduate of Illinois State University where she earned her Bachelors in Early Childhood Education with endorsements in English as a Second Language and Special Education. Ivan most recently obtained her Masters in Educational Leadership through the Principal Preparation Program at North Park University.

Ivan and her husband have lived in Woodridge for 4 years. They enjoy spending time with their families in the suburbs and have a love for spending time outdoors and traveling.

“I am deeply committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every child can thrive,” said Ivan. “In my new role, I aim to build on the strong foundation at the Westerhold Early Learning Center and work collaboratively with our dedicated staff and engaged families, to ensure that all students have the best possible start to their educational journey.”

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