



WELLSVILLE

Unified School District 289

January 21, 2022

I hope that you are having a great week! The following are general updates and announcements that we wanted to share with you.

Wellsville Middle School Recognized by US News and World Report

Wellsville Middle School was recently recognized by the US News and World Report as one of the top middle schools in Kansas! This is an exciting honor and recognition for our students, staff, and district!

New Emergency Sub License Available

Due to the shortage of substitute teachers across the state of Kansas and the challenges that this creates for schools, KSDE has recently approved a TEAL license. Qualifications of the license are as follows:

Qualifications:

- Must meet the minimum age requirement of 18.
- Have a high school diploma. Individuals with a general educational development (GED) diploma/certificate aren't eligible.
- Have a verified employment commitment from a district or system.
- Be fingerprinted and pass a background check which will require a fingerprint card and a \$50.00 background check fee to be submitted to KSDE. In USD 289 applicants can request reimbursement of the fee from the district once a successful application is obtained.

In USD 289, approved applicants ages 18-20 would only work at the elementary level. If you are interested in participating in this opportunity, please contact the district office at 785-883-2388 to learn more.

How the License Works

- TEAL is to be used as a last resort. LEAs should exhaust all options to find a qualified candidate before turning to the TEAL option.
- TEAL licensees are not intended to fill long-term positions.
- The TEAL license will expire June 1, 2022, and is not eligible to renew.

- An application is required for each district in which the licensee has a verified employment commitment.
- The license will state the district name in which the licensee has a verified employment commitment.

Wellsville Elementary School Principal Search Parent Survey

USD 289 Wellsville School District is hiring a new principal for Wellsville Elementary. The contract for this position will begin in July 2022. The district is seeking input in assessing the competencies and qualifications of the next Wellsville Elementary School Principal. Your input in the process is greatly valued and appreciated.

It is the district's intent to seek the most qualified candidate based on the best balance between work experiences, education, preparation, personal qualities, role expectations of the principal, and the ability to respond to the community's educational needs. This survey will help us better understand the characteristics you are looking for in a principal so that we can identify the best candidates that match those areas. We appreciate your feedback. The survey link is available [HERE](#). The survey will remain open through January 28th, 2022.

I hope that each of you have a great weekend! It's A Great Day to Be an Eagle!

Sincerely,

Ryan Bradbury
Superintendent
USD 289 Wellsville