

June 18, 2019



Dear NCS Families,

We are very pleased to announce that our search for our new high school principal has come to a successful end. On Tuesday, June 18, 2019 the school board—with the unanimous support of the principal hiring committee, made an offer to Kevin Schwoch and he enthusiastically accepted the offer. He will begin his new role as the Northwest Christian High School Principal on Monday, June 24th.

Mr. Schwoch (pronounced Shwa) is a native of Washington state. He received his bachelor's degree in Social Studies Teaching from Central Washington University and received his master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He brings with him six years of teaching experience in the high school classroom as well as experience in administration received through an intensive internship program through the University of Alaska. Mr. Schwoch also brings with him a unique skill set acquired through his leadership on several committees.

Mr. Schwoch has a heartfelt desire to transition to Christian education. He shared with the hiring committee the following thoughts on Christian education, "The true purpose in education should be to prepare our students to be life-long learners of God's word and apply this knowledge to all aspects of their lives, both socially and academically. As 1 Chronicles 28:9 states, "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought." If we want our students to reach their full potential in life, a Christian based education is imperative."

Mr. Schwoch attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene for most of his life, however while he and his wife Shayla lived in Alaska, they often lived in very remote villages without access to a church body with similar beliefs. During this time, they would attend church through live stream. Kevin and Shayla have a heart for outreach. While in Alaska, the Schwoch's saw a need for the Alaskan village children and they coordinated an outreach program with their Auburn Nazarene Church family to send Christmas presents to their students in Alaska, many of which were very poor and in need of basic supplies.

Mr. Schwoch comes highly recommended by numerous administrators and is praised for his calm and steady leadership style, his passion for students, his strong commitment to supporting and improving the teaching and learning which occurs in the classroom, his ability to relate and build relationships with students and staff, and his collaborative leadership style.

Kevin Schwoch and his wife Shayla have been married for six years. Mrs. Schwoch just received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Schwoch just returned to Washington after spending the last six years teaching in Alaska.



We are excited about our future at NCHS and look forward to the leadership of Mr. Schwoch. Please join us in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Schwoch to Northwest Christian Schools of Lacey.

The board would also like to express our gratitude to the members of the Principal Hiring Committee who have volunteered numerous hours over the last several months dedicated to the prayerful selection of our principal. The committee reviewed over 30 applications and conducted interviews with five candidates before unanimously agreeing to offer the position to Mr. Schwoch. Our hiring committee consisted of all board members, Kim DeLeon (NCA Principal) and the following teachers from NCHS and NCA:

- Mrs. Sonya Trospen
- Mr. Tony Brooks
- Mrs. Pam Summers
- Mr. Jeff Gordenier

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