

EYE ON THE MONDAK

Fleck picked as Rickard principal



WILLISTON BASIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

Cory Fleck was recently hired to serve as principal at Rickard Elementary School, starting in the 2025-2026 school year.

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WILLISTON — As part of his 22-year-long career in education, which included teaching, coaching, and administrative leadership, Cory Fleck will step into the principal’s shoes as he takes over leadership of Rickard Elementary starting in the 2025-26 school year.

“I’m thrilled to return to the district and begin this journey as one of the newest administrators in Williston Basin School District #7,” Fleck said. “It’s been an exciting week of welcoming new leadership across the district. I’m honored to join alongside Elizabeth Bauer, Sarah Heise, and Susan LaBar—each bringing unique strengths and a shared commitment to serving our students and schools.”

On Monday (April 21), the school district announced that, in addition to Fleck’s hiring, Bauer was hired as assistant principal at Hagan Elementary and Heise and LaBar as assistant principals at Williston Middle School Central Campus.

Fleck, a 1992 graduate from Williston High School, said that he has “always held a deep appreciation for the

teachers who provided me with an excellent education.”

“My years teaching at Williston High School were unforgettable, and I cherish those memories,” he said. His administrative experience at Williston Trinity Christian School—he served as the school’s principal and superintendent from 2015 to 2021—and his recent role as an instructional coach with WBSD#7 “have reinforced my belief that our teaching community is exceptionally caring and committed to nurturing our youth.”

“I am honored and blessed to have the opportunity to contribute to our youth’s education once again in the coming school year,” he said. “I look forward to collaborating with the community and our school district to continue enhancing the educational experience for all students in this vital endeavor.”

With Teacher’s Appreciation Week occurring May 5-9, Fleck also encouraged the public to “take a moment to express gratitude to the educators who tirelessly teach our children.”

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