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Kandice Hansen Named Superintendent/Principal at Wilson Creek School District

The Wilson Creek School District Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Kandice Hansen as the new Superintendent/Principal, effective July 1, 2025. Hansen, currently serving as the Principal of Soap Lake School District, will succeed Laura Christian, who is retiring after this school year.

With over 29 years of experience in education, Hansen brings a wealth of knowledge as a teacher, principal, special education director, and grant and budget manager. She has also led the implementation of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Soap Lake School District. Hansen holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and Consulting from Liberty University, a Master's degree in Curriculum Development and Assessment from Western Governors University, and an Elementary Teaching Certificate from Heritage University. Additionally, she earned her K-12 Principal Certification through Western Governors University.

"I am deeply committed to student success, community engagement, and strategic leadership," said Hansen. "I am excited to bring my experience and vision to support Wilson Creek's continued growth and excellence in rural education. Working with the Wilson Creek School District has long been a professional goal of mine, and I look forward to contributing to the district's success."

Wilson Creek Board Chair Daryl Kimble shared, "We are thrilled to welcome Kandice Hansen as our new Superintendent/Principal, and we look forward to a bright future under her leadership. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Laura Christian for her years of dedicated service to our students and district, and we wish her all the best in her retirement."

About Wilson Creek School District

The Wilson Creek School District, located in Grant County, Washington, serves the small, rural farming communities of Marlin, Stratford, and Wilson Creek. The district supports over 130 students, who are accommodated in two main buildings and two annexes situated on a hill overlooking the town of Wilson Creek.

The mission of the Wilson Creek School District is to provide a personalized education that empowers students to achieve their fullest potential. The district benefits from a close-knit community that deeply values education and is committed to supporting the school. This strong community involvement includes active engagement from both students and staff. The school serves as the central hub of the Wilson Creek community.