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# Board names Ron Burris new Lino Lakes Elementary Principal

**FOREST LAKE, MINN.** – Ron Burris was named on Thursday the new principal of Lino Lakes Elementary School by the Forest Lake Area School Board.

Burris has been an employee of the district for the past 11 years, including four years at as a dean at Forest Lake Area High School and seven years as the dean of the Area Learning Center. He also has been the coordinator of the district’s elementary summer school program for the past seven years.

He will be replacing former Lino Lakes Principal Jan Masterson, who has chosen to take a leave of absence from her position. Masterson was principal at the school from 2005 to 2010.

In addition to being a licensed school administrator, Burris is an ordained minister who, in his previous career, had a primary focus of working with youth to develop core values related to being servant leaders in the world. He also worked as counselor, serving families with children who have disabilities and working as an EAP (Employee Assistant Program) counselor dealing with a broad range of mental health and relationship issues.

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Burris is a graduate of Central High School in Grand Forks, N.D., and earned both his bachelor's degree and Master of Education degree from North Dakota State University. He also has a Master of Divinity degree and Master of Arts degree, both from Emmitsbury College in Maryland. Burris received his K-12 administrative license from the University of Minnesota.

"I am very excited to be a member of the Lino Lakes Elementary School staff," he said of his new position. "Lino Lakes is, of course, a Minnesota School of Excellence, and it is my hope to continue the tradition of excellence by encouraging and challenging students to be creative, engaged, hard-working, problem-solving, positive members of our school community, as well as the larger community."

There will be an open house for Burris at Lino Lakes Elementary on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is planned as an opportunity for district staff and members of the Lino Lakes community to welcome Burris to the school and have a chance to speak with him about his plans for the school, which last year was named a Minnesota School of Excellence by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA).

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