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New principal named for James T. Alton Middle School

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A new principal will be at the helm for James T. Alton Middle School this coming academic year.

Danielle Cassady, an assistant principal at West Hardin Middle School, has been named the lead educator for the middle school in Vine Grove, according to news release from Hardin County Schools.

"I'm very appreciative of this opportunity," Cassady said in the release. "I know that James T. Alton Middle has a proven track record for success both in and out of the classroom, and I can't wait to be a part of the Trojan family."

Cassady has 24 years of middle school experience — the last 12 in Hardin County Schools. She has served as an assistant principal at West Hardin since 2017. She has taught language arts at West Hardin, Bluegrass Middle School and in Ohio County and Daviess County.

Cassady earned her bachelor's degree and a principal endorsement from Bellarmine University. She earned her master's degree from Western Kentucky University.

She also is a U.S. Army veteran and has sung professionally with the Kentucky Opera Chorus and other organizations.

"Mrs. Cassady has abundant experience and success in the classroom and as an administrator," Superintendent Teresa Morgan said in the release. "Her experiences outside of education have also served her in helping children and families succeed. She is a strong advocate for students and will work hard to continue to present an array of opportunities to students at James T. Alton Middle School."

Cassady said her philosophy is simple: It's about the children.

"Everything I do for schools is filtered through that lens," she said. "I am committed to helping create a welcoming place for children to learn. High expectations, student safety and a positive learning environment equal student success."

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