



## Madison, IN: Mahoney gets the nod and moves to Rykers' Ridge



In a special meeting on June 1, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Mr. Kenton Mahoney as the new Principal at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School. "We are very excited about this hire," shared Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. "Mr. Mahoney has shown a great deal of growth and development in his role as an assistant principal and I believe it is a great opportunity for him to continue to grow as an instructional leader. He has a great deal of enthusiasm and a passion for education and a fresh perspective from which he will lead."

A Madison native, Mahoney completed his administrator license in 2021 with sights set on opportunities to grow professionally and continue to serve the students of our community. Mahoney was most recently the assistant principal at Anderson Elementary School during the 22-23 school year. "I have loved my time at Anderson, have learned a lot, and treasure time with students of all ages - but elementary school is something very special," Mahoney shared. "While it is bittersweet to leave Anderson, I am very excited to work with the great team of teachers and staff on the Ridge and I am honored to be selected."

Mahoney began his teaching career in 2013 at Mount Vernon Junior High School. Moving back to Madison in 2015, he taught Math & Science, Alg. I, Geometry & Bio I at MJHS and later Bio I & Bio I Honors at MCHS. In addition to the classroom, Mahoney is an avid supporter of and participant in extra-curricular activities wherever students are active. As the Academic Team Coordinator for Madison Junior High School, he is responsible for the recruitment, budget, organization, and new program exploration for the 16 academic teams represented at the school. He is the BRAVE Youth Leader at North United Methodist Church serving the youth of all ages at NUMC through missions, retreats, outings, and regular meetings.

Kenton and his wife, Logann, and son Fielding Brooks - named after Kenton's fifth-time great grandfather who was the first Mahoney born in the U.S. and settled in the Bedford, KY area in the 1800s, live in Madison. Together they enjoy spending time as a family exploring their newly established 4-acre urban family farm where they admittedly "have little experience but have grown literally and figuratively" as a result of this adventure.

Mahoney holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Anderson University. He is licensed in Grades 1-6, 5-12 Life Science, and 6-9 Mathematics. He earned a Master of Business Administration in School Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.