RUSH CITY TEACHER SENIORITY LIST
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

TO: Rush City Teachers*, Independent School District #139
FROM: Brady Hoffman, Director of Business Services
DATE: October 20, 2025
SUBJECT: Seniority List of Teachers

The following Seniority List will be considered for adoption by the Board of Education at the November 19, 2026 School Board Meeting.

ERDMAN, KIM - July 8, 1993 - Began work September 1993 as full time teacher. June 18, 2009 approved as HS Dean of Students for 2009-10 school year. April 8, 2010 approved for return to classroom teacher status beginning 7/1/10. Interim Elementary Principal 3/2/15-May 2015

NELSON, LAURA - September 12, 1996 - Began work September 1996 as full-time teacher.

GOLDENSTEIN, GARA - August 12, 1997 - Began work September 1997 as full-time teacher.

KNUDSON, TAMI - June 21, 1999 - Began work September 1999 as full-time teacher. September 21, 2006 granted leave of absence from 1/29/07 through 4/27/07.

KURVERS, MARY – September 9, 1999 - Began employment as a Title I teacher. 1-year position as full-time teacher for 2004-05. May 19, 2005, 1 year position as full-time teacher for 2005-06. April 20, 2006 placed on continuing contract. October 20, 2011 approved for special assignment for 2011-12. April 19, 2012 approved for special assignment for 2012- 13. April 23, 2013 approved for special assignment for 2013-14. May 15, 2014 approved for special assignment for 2014- 15. April 16, 2015 approved for special assignment for 2015-16. Returned to classroom assignment for 2016-17.

GUNDERSON, KELLY - July 12, 2000 - Began employment as Title I teacher. Began work September 2001 as full-time teacher.

VAUGHAN, MICHAEL - June 21, 2001 - Began work September 2001 as full-time teacher.

KIRBY, PAUL - July 12, 2001 - Began work September 2001, 1-year position as full-time teacher for 2001-02. April 11, 2002 placed on continuing contract. On 1 year, leave of absence for the 2015-16 school year. Returned full-time 2016-17 school year.

ZELTINGER, ALISSA - May 30, 2002 - Began work September 2002, 1-year position as full-time teacher for 2002-03. April 15, 2003 placed on continuing contract. December 17, 2009 granted leave of absence from 4/9/10 through 5/20/10. February 16, 2012 granted a 6-week leave of absence beginning 4/30/12.

TELANDER, ERIC - May 20, 2004 - Began work September 2004 as full-time teacher.

BINGHAM, MARK - June 17, 2004 - Began work September 2004 as full-time teacher.

HALBERT, KIMBERLY – August 12, 2004 – Began employment as Title I teacher. August 2007, 1-year position as full-time teacher for 2007-08. May 15, 2008 placed on continuing contract.

MATZKE-STOLTZ, ERIKA – June 15, 2006 - Began work August 2006 as full-time teacher.

VANDEKAMP, BROOKE – September 21, 2006 – Began employment as Title I teacher. September 2009 began work as full-time teacher. June 23, 2011 granted leave of absence from 8/29/11 through 10/7/11.

JOHNSON, DAWN – September 20, 2007 – Began work August 2007 as full-time teacher.

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HOLMSTROM, JAIME – August 20, 2009 – Began work September 2009 as full-time teacher.

WATERS, ERIN – June 23, 2011 – Began work August 2011 as full-time teacher. On a 2-year leave 2016-18 school years. Returned to full-time teaching in August 2018.

THILL, CHARLOTTE – August 18, 2011 – Began work August 2011 as full-time teacher.

PLANTE, BOBBIE – December 15, 2011 – Began work December 19, 2011, as .5 FTE teacher. January 17, 2013 increased to 1.0 FTE.

KUCHENBECKER, DANIEL – May 24, 2012 – Began work August 2012 as long-term substitute teacher. April 23, 2013 placed on continuing contract.

CARPENTER, ELIZABETH – September 20, 2012 – Approved as long-term substitute teacher from 10/3/12 to 12/21/12. April 23, 2013 approved as long-term substitute teacher from 4/8/13 to 5/31/13. May 29, 2013 hired as full-time teacher beginning August 2013. Granted 1 Year Leave Of Absence 2026-2027.

GILLER, BREKKA – May 29, 2013 – Began work August 2013 as full-time teacher.

SCHMIDT, WENDY – June 20, 2013 – Began work August 2013 as full-time teacher.

MONSON, JAMES – May 15, 2014 – Began work August 2014 as full-time teacher.

HATHAWAY, KELLY – June 19, 2014 – Began work August 2014 as full-time teacher.

FITCHER, ASHLEY – August 21, 2014 – Began work August 2014 as full-time teacher. October 16, 2014 granted leave of absence for 12 weeks beginning 12/23/14.

GUSTAFSON, AMY –- Began work August 2016 as part-time teacher. Increased to full-time August 2017

RISLAND, ERIC – June 15, 2017 – Began work August 2017 as full-time teacher.

HANSON, ALI – May 16, 2019 – Began work August 2019 as full-time teacher.

STONE, DEBRA – July 18, 2019 – Began work August 2019 as full-time teacher.

GRANDNER, ALYSSA - June 18, 2020 - Began work August 2020 as full-time teacher.

ENGEL, ADAM - June 18, 2020 - Began work August 2020 as full-time teacher.

KNUTSON, ANNE – May 20, 2021 – Began work August 2021 as full-time Counselor.

JESKA, KAYLA – May 20, 2021 – Began work August 2021 as full-time teacher.

STEELE, ALEXIS – June 17, 2021 – Began work August 2021 as full-time teacher.

RAKOTZ, CRYSTAL – June 17, 2021 – Began work August 2021 as full-time teacher.

BERENS, JESSICA – January 20, 2022 – Began work January 2022 as full-time teacher.

ROOD, ANNE – June 16, 2022 – Began work August 2022 as full-time teacher.

DOOLEY, MEGHANN – June 16, 2022 – Began work August 2022 as full-time teacher.

GRUMMONS, JENNA – July 21, 2022 – Began work August 2022 as full-time teacher.

KOBBERDAHL, DEANNA – August 18, 2022 – Began work August 2022 as full-time teacher.

HAMILTON, SARA – May 18, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time Speech Language Pathologist.

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EHRREICH, STEPH – June 15, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time teacher.

LAKEBERG, JOSEPH – June 15, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time teacher.

FETEN, HANNAH – July 20, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time Counselor.

OLSON, STEPHANIE – July 20, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time teacher.

PETERS, DONNA – July 20, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time teacher.

PETERSON, ANGELA – August 17, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as full-time teacher.

O'DONNELL, MICHAEL – September 21, 2023 – Began work August 2023 as part-time Speech Language Pathologist.

ERICKSON, GRETCHEN- September 21, 2023- Began work September 2023 as full-time Nurse.

HAGEN, PATTYJO- November 10, 2023 - Began work November 2023 as full-time teacher.

REISDORF, TIMOTHY- May 16, 2024 - Began work August 2024 as full-time teacher.

ZEGARSKI, WHITNEY- June 20, 2024 - Began work August 2024 as full-time teacher.

NEWKIRK, SARAH- June 20, 2024 - Began work August 2024 as full-time teacher.

PIEL, ERIN- July 18, 2024 - Began work August 2024 as full-time teacher.

NELSON, EMMA- August 15, 2024 - Began work August 2024 as full-time teacher. Granted 1 Year Leave Of Absence 2026-2027.

SOUTHWARD, KELLY- May 15, 2025 - Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

HORN, AMANDA- June 26, 2025 - Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

JOHNSON, JOCELYN- June 26, 2025 - Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

STRIEFEL, EMILY- June 26, 2025- Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

BARLOW, BRINNA- June 26, 2025- Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

HAGEL, EMILY- June 26, 2025 - Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER - June 26, 2025 - Began work August 2025 as full-time teacher.

MILLFORD, ANDREW - June 18, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full time teacher

ARNEVIK, GRACE - June 18, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full-time teacher

JOHNSON, KRISTEN - July 23, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full-time teacher

PAUTZKE, MICHELLE - August 20, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full-time teacher

KAISER, DAVID - August 20, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full-time teacher

GRAY, SARA - September 24, 2026 - Began work August 2026 as full-time teacher

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