



Medford Public School
ISD #763

**Medford High School
New Staff
2014-2015**

Rachel Brock will be our new 7-12 Art Teacher. Rachel is a graduate of Waterville-Elysian-Morristown and has been teaching art there for the past two years. Rachel brings experience teaching studio art, art technology, and art history to us. Rachel has a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Minnesota State University.

Mike Duffy will be our new Middle School Math Teacher. Mike grew up in South Dakota brings with him a long history of distinguished accomplishments as an educator. Mike has spent 15 years in the classroom in Kasson before spending the last 17 years as a Principal in both Kasson and Byron. Mike has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics from South Dakota State University, a Master of Education in Teacher Leadership from the University of Minnesota, and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Winona State University. Mike is licensed to teach math and science.

Lisa Hoefs will be our new Ag Education Teacher. Lisa lives on a dairy farm near Montgomery and has spent the last two years teaching at Tri-City United. Prior to that, Lisa reestablished the ag education and FFA program in Waseca in her 8 years teaching there. Lisa is an accomplished ag teacher and FFA advisor and has been recognized as the Outstanding Young Agriculture Teacher in Minnesota. Lisa has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Industries and Marketing from the University of Minnesota. Lisa is originally from New Ulm.

John Ott will be our new 9/10 Special Education Teacher. John brings recent experience from Bloomington and Inver Grove Heights to Medford. John began his career as an educator with 6 years as a physical education teacher before spending the last 11 years as a special education teacher. John has a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, a Certificate in Special Education from St. Cloud State, and is working to complete a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's University. In addition to Special Education, John is licensed to teach Physical Education and holds a Coaching Certificate.

Sara Routh will be joining us as our new High School Guidance Counselor. Sara has been a guidance counselor at Hemphill Middle School in Strasburg, Colorado for the past eight years. Sara is originally from Geneva and graduated from NRHEG high school. Sara has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Minnesota State University and a Master of Educational Counseling from University of Phoenix.

Sarah Thursby will be our new English/Language Arts teacher. Sarah is originally from Cottage Grove and currently resides in Owatonna. Sarah taught reading last year at John Marshall High School in Rochester and prior to that spent two years as an English teacher at Mesabi Academy and one year as a reading specialist at the Itaskin Education Center. Sarah has an Education Computing and Technology Certificate from the University of Minnesota, a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching Communication Arts/Literature from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Reading and Literacy from Capella University.

Stephanie Wick will be our new Business Education Teacher. Stephanie completed her student teaching at Wabasha-Kellogg High School this past spring and will begin her career as a teacher here in Medford. Stephanie is from Rushford and has a Bachelor of Science in Teaching Business Education from Winona State University.