

Dear CMS Students and Parents,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I introduce myself to the families of Clayton Municipal Schools. I am both humbled and excited to have the privilege of working alongside the teachers and students of Alvis Elementary. My goal this year is to support each of you as we work to become an example of academic excellence in our state. This can only be achieved if we commit to hard work, dedication, and partnerships between staff, parents, and most importantly, students.

I am most appreciative of the opportunity to become a member of this educational family. My passion for education and support for success of all students, has been shaped over the past 7 years as an educator working with both students and teachers. I have taught kindergarten through fifth grade in various capacities as classroom teacher and reading interventionist in the Hatch Valley Public School District. Most recently I worked with K-2 teachers as a Reading Specialist, Instructional Coach, and Administrative Intern at Hatch Valley Elementary. Although I greatly value my years spent in Hatch, I am delighted to be much closer to my loved ones and back in the area I raised.

I grew up on my family's ranch outside of Mosquero, New Mexico. I graduated from Mosquero High School and went on to attend New Mexico State University for my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Reading. Several years later I returned to NMSU and received a Master's of Business Administration in Educational Leadership. I look forward to bringing my education and experience to my new district.

Based on conversations with various members of the Clayton community, it's clear there is immense enthusiasm and pride for each of the schools and the students within them. It is through this same enthusiasm and pride that I look forward to becoming an integral part of the community to both continue and advance the successes of Alvis Elementary.

I commit my support and dedication to each member of the CMS family. I look forward to achieving a higher level of success through a focus on data driven instruction, targeted interventions, and observation/feedback.

I am thrilled to serve this district and anticipate a great year ahead.

Respectfully Yours,

Hilary Holmes