

This is my first year with the Clayton school district. I am excited for the opportunity to work as the high school principal and athletic director. I am from Colorado. I have been in education 21 years. 12 years as a science teacher and 9 years with administration. I have been involved in coaching for more than 30 years at multiple levels. I have coached baseball, basketball, football, softball, and volleyball. I received my Master's degree from the University of Phoenix in Administration and Supervision. I attended the University of Northern Colorado where I received my Bachelor's degree majoring in Chemistry Secondary Education and minoring in Physical Education Coaching. Prior to my educational career, I was part of the United States Air Force as a Communications-Computer Specialist. I was stationed many different places, but the place I can say I enjoyed the most was a little island on the Aleutian chain called Sheyma.

This year brings not only big changes to my life, but the Clayton school district. I have four amazing adult children (Jessica, Andrew, Alexandria, Lance Jr) and a wonderful granddaughter (Addison). My fiancée, Dana, has two amazing adult boys (Dalton, Dylan). We have three dogs, a Chihuahua (Armando Christian Perez), Chihuahua mix (Snookie), and a French Bulldog (Delbert). I am looking forward to being part of a wonderful administrative team, a strong high school staff, and help our students reach their potential in all aspects of life. I believe that it is important that we build strong relationships as a staff to help build a "family" culture and a climate where everyone wants to take part in all activities. I want to build a strong relationship with the community and work to develop a learning environment that our community supports in all aspects. I look to provide guidance and support to the staff and students throughout the year through our daily interactions. I believe it is important that we challenge our students, hold them accountable for their own learning and actions, and hold high expectations for our students while providing them with the necessary support for success. We will provide our students with a curriculum that provides rigor and relevance to the educational process and their lives. For the Clayton "family" to have success, we all need to work together throughout the year.

I am looking forward to a great school year and building a great school, district, and community of life-long learners. I believe that we all need to look at each day as an opportunity to learn.

Below is a saying that I have used many times to my athletes, staff, and students and live by in my own life.

"It is not that we fail, but how we overcome our failures. The true success is how we respond to times of adversity and our willingness to not surrender."

Lance Mosness
CHS Principal