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Bloomington Kennedy High School names Ron Simmons new principal

The new principal of Bloomington Kennedy High School will be Ron Simmons, who currently serves as principal of North Community High School in Minneapolis. Simmons succeeds Ed Donahue, who will retire June 30.

“I’m very pleased to announce that Ron Simmons has accepted the principalship at Kennedy High School,” said Superintendent Gary Prest. “Ron Simmons’ leadership experiences with students of all backgrounds and skill levels will enable the Kennedy community to continue to build on its successes,” said Prest.

Now in his fourth year at North Community High School, Simmons is proud of that school’s success in improving test scores, graduation rates and teacher morale. Under his leadership, students of all abilities experience success through intensive academic support, credit make-up opportunities or Advanced Placement programs.

“This is a great opportunity for me to look at other avenues in education,” Simmons said. “Bloomington has a fantastic school district and I’m looking forward to providing youth with educational opportunities for successful high school experiences. I’m also looking forward to working with staff and the community to make this possible,” he said.

Simmons previously served as assistant principal at Minneapolis Henry High School and at Apple Valley High School, following seven years as principal at The City, Inc., an alternative high school.

Earlier Simmons taught adaptive and physical education in St. Paul, Houston and Muskegon, MI. Simmons played professional football for the Atlanta Falcons following graduation from the University of Minnesota-Morris with a bachelor’s degree in education. He earned his master’s and licensure in education administration from St. Mary’s University, where he currently is enrolled in the doctoral program.

Simmons and his wife, Blanca, have two children and live in Eagan.