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Polk County Christian School Names Dr. Karen Francka as New School Administrator

BOLIVAR, MO — Polk County Christian School (PCCS) is thrilled to announce **Dr. Karen Francka** as our new School Administrator. Dr. Francka brings over 30 years of educational experience, an exceptional background in leadership, and a deep heart for student-centered discipleship to the PCCS family.

Known for her warmly energetic spirit, collaborative leadership style, and problem-solving mindset, Dr. Francka brings a strong discipleship orientation that naturally aligns with PCCS's vision to equip creative problem-solvers grounded in biblical truth.

Three Decades of Educational Leadership & Academic Excellence

Dr. Francka brings a distinguished three-decade career in education to PCCS. She holds a **Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)** from Southwest Baptist University, an **Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Administration** from Missouri State University, a **Master of Science in Special Education**, and a **Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education**.

Her extensive career spans leadership and instructional roles across local districts. She previously served as Special Education Director for the Stockton R-1 School District, Special Education Consultant supporting 14 regional school districts through the Exceptional Pupil Cooperative in Bolivar, and as a dedicated educator and senior class sponsor at Fair Play High School.

In addition to her classroom and administrative experience, Dr. Francka served on the **Council of Exceptional Children State Executive Board**, frequently presented at regional and national professional conferences, and published research focused on educator well-being and support. Her specialized expertise in meeting diverse learning needs directly aligns with PCCS's commitment to resourceful discipleship—equipping every student to reach their God-given potential.

Deep Roots in the Polk County Community

As a long-time Polk County resident living in Brighton, Dr. Francka's heart for local families, churches, and students runs deep. She is an active member of First Baptist Church of Bolivar, where she has served faithfully for over a decade teaching Sunday School, serving on the Women's Ministry Team, and contributing to church financial leadership.

Welcome Events & Community Updates

Dr. Francka officially assumes her administrative duties this week. PCCS families and

community members will have several opportunities to meet Dr. Francka in person during upcoming welcome receptions and school events prior to the start of the 2026–2027 academic year.

To learn more about PCCS leadership or to read ongoing updates regarding the upcoming school year, please visit our school board page at polkcountychristianschool.org/school-board.