

# Message from Madison Elementary School's New Interim Principal

## Hello Madison Students and Families!

My name is Dr. Paula Henry and I am Madison Elementary School's new Interim Principal. I am honored to work in such a caring and committed school environment.

From the minute I walked in the door last October as the AYP Support Teacher, I noticed something special about Madison School! Our students are engaged in learning, and our teachers work tirelessly to inspire and motivate them. Staff provides challenging and meaningful learning experiences in a safe, caring, and respectful environment. Working as a team, we inspire all learners to reach their highest potential.

As you walk through our hallways you will feel the warm, safe, nurturing environment that is critical to our students' success. I speak from the heart when I say that Madison is an amazing place where teachers work actively to provide a well-rounded education for our children.

A bit about me professionally... This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year in District 742. I have taught at McKinley, Kennedy, Talahi, and now I am fortunate to be at Madison. For three years, I was the Literacy Coordinator at Talahi School. I have taught K, 2, 3, 4, and grade 5! I completed my doctoral work in 2007. The research and work I did focused on proven strategies for revitalizing at-risk students and low performing schools; urban schools with increasing challenges.

A bit about me personally... My husband Tom and I grew up in St. Cloud. We have three great kids, one son in the navy, and a son and daughter in college. We are proud to say our children attended St. Cloud Public schools. Lastly, we have two rowdy Jack Russell terriers and one fat cat.

## I warmly welcome you. Please come and visit!

I welcome your support and involvement in Madison's strong, child-centered school community. Most importantly, I would love to talk with you and share what I love about Madison and why I am honored to work in this community I call home.

Every day I look forward to interacting with students and families and encourage you to contact me with questions, concerns, or input at any time. You can reach me by phone 320-252-4665, by email or stop in and visit.

Sincerely,  
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