



# Winship Middle School

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**Kristi Puzz, Principal**  
**Steven Couch, Assistant Principal**

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To Winship Families and Staff,

I am honored to join the staff, families and community of Winship Middle School as the incoming Principal. I have been dedicated to the education of our next generation and Eureka City Schools for the past twenty-six years. Most recently, I have been the Principal of Grant Elementary School for the past seven years. Prior to administration, I was an Elementary Teacher, Reading Interventionist, and an Instructional Coach. I am excited to transition to the middle school environment and I am looking forward to working together with you to ensure the success of your child(ren).

Winship Middle School is committed to providing a high quality educational program in a safe and supportive learning environment. We are excited to be welcoming Steven Couch as the Assistant Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Couch has served on the Winship staff as a teacher and most recently the Comprehensive Approach to Responsive Environments (CARE) Specialist. Mr. Couch has great rapport with students and staff and is looking forward to supporting students socially-emotionally and behaviorally.

In Eureka City Schools, we prioritize a rigorous learning environment as well as the social emotional needs of our students. Next year at Winship, some of our social emotional supports include; our advisory period, P.B.I.S, community building activities, a Restorative Justice Student Support Specialist, consultation and collaboration with a Eureka City Schools Board Certified Behavior Analyst, a Social Work Intern, Bridges to Success, a new District Wellness Center and a School Psychologist.

Winship's mission is to provide students an opportunity to explore, discover and succeed! I am looking forward to working with the Winship community! Please save the date for the Winship Meet and Greet at Winship on August 19th from 2:00-3:30. This will be an opportunity for students and families to pick up schedules, meet staff, and tour the campus.

Respectfully,

Kristi Puzz  
Principal, Winship Middle School