

Executive Director

Eric Williams

Dr. Williams is beginning his 31st year in education, He has served as a teacher, coach, principal, superintendent and is currently beginning his fifth year as the executive director at STRIDE Academy. Williams is excited about beginning the year in person!

Principal

Dr. Gwen Anderson

Dr. Anderson is honored to serve as the Principal at STRIDE Academy. In addition to Principal, she serves as the Curriculum Director, QComp Coordinator, and MTSS Facilitator. She has nineteen years of experience in educational leadership working with elementary, middle, high school and university school students and families. She began her career as an English Learner (multilingual) and Spanish teacher and served as a multilingual teacher for fourteen years. She has also served schools identified by the Minnesota Department of Education as school improvement advocate, as well as taught university level courses in multilingual education at St. Cloud State University. Anderson is very passionate about being a leader at STRIDE because of her strong connections to St. Cloud's students and families. She attended undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs at St. Cloud State University and was born and raised in the area. She lives in St. Augusta with her spouse and two children, both children are and will be STRIDE Panthers.

Anderson has a strong commitment and passion for educational equity and relationship building. Her main goal is to create spaces for teachers, students and communities to connect and grow and become the best versions of themselves.

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Assistant Principal

Mr. Nathan Schwieters

Mr. Schwieters is excited to be beginning his second year as the Assistant Principal at STRIDE Academy and his twentieth year overall in education. Along with being the Assistant Principal, he also serves the school as the Activities Director, District Assessment Coordinator, and 504 Plan Coordinator. During his ten years at STRIDE, he has been a paraprofessional, second grade teacher, sixth grade teacher, middle school social studies teacher, coach and Dean of Students. Mr. Schwieters received his undergraduate and graduate degree from St. Cloud State University and lives outside of Kimball with his daughter and son.

Mr. Schwieters values the family-centered environment that STRIDE Academy promotes and provides to students, staff, and families as they continue to be lifelong learners.

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