

SH teacher promoted to assistant principal

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SOUTH HAVEN — An internal candidate has been selected to be the new assistant principal at South Haven High School for the coming school year.

The school board Wednesday night voted to hire Jeremy Burleson to succeed Dave Gumpert,

who is retiring.

Burleson is director of the district's new Career & Early College Academy at the South Haven campus of Lake Michigan College, and he is a social studies and art teacher at the academy. The academy opened this school year.

Burleson has been a district teacher for 10 years. He has a master's degree in

history from Fort Hays State University in Kansas, a bachelor's degree in social studies from Western Michigan University, and a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in history and art.

Superintendent Bob Herrera said Burleson's leadership skills and enthusiasm made him the top pick of the interview com-

mittee.

While Trustee Annie Brown wasn't at the meeting, board President Bryan Lewis read a statement from her in support of Burleson as the choice.

"He has been a dedicated, hard-working member of our staff for years," she said in her statement.

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