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Leadership post filled at Chief Umtuch

Nick Krause, who has taught just about every core subject a middle school has to offer its seventh and eighth graders, has been named the new assistant principal at Chief Umtuch Middle School, pending approval by the School Board.

Krause is to replace Dave Cresap, who was appointed several weeks ago as the new principal at “Chief”, replacing Linda Allen, who has filled a vacancy as the district’s Human Resources Director.

After working as a long-term substitute, Krause began as a full-time regular teacher at the former Lewisville Middle School, forerunner to Chief Umtuch, in the 2003-04 school year. He has taught several subjects, including language arts, social studies, English, math and science. He also has an early-childhood-education endorsement. “He has a solid background in a lot of subjects,” said Allen, who hired Krause in 2003.

Krause, who has worked in teams of two to four teachers, said, “I’m looking forward to working with the entire staff more closely to benefit all our students and take the kids to the next level.”

This is hardly Krause’s first time being in the news. When he was a senior at Ridgefield High School, he was on his way home after school one day when he arrived at an accident scene and helped pull a man out of a car that had hit a tree, caught fire and was dangling over the edge of a 20-foot ravine. Its two occupants, who were under the influence of alcohol, had been trapped inside. One managed to get out and fell into the ravine while Krause and another motorist pulled the other from the burning car. Both men survived. The episode was described in stories in *The Columbian* and *The Reflector* and Krause appeared on the Phil Donahue TV show to discuss the rescue.

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