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Re: Principal Appreciation Day, October 24, 2025

October 24, 2025, is Principal Appreciation Day across Illinois. Rankin School District #98 recognizes and appreciates their Principal/Athletic Director, Nick Beard! Mr. Beard comes to us from Washington, IL, and is currently serving in his first year at Rankin!

Dr. Matt Gordon, Superintendent, commented, "I am extremely grateful for Mr. Beard as he has enthusiastically embraced all of the necessary components in a successful transition to becoming Rankin's new Principal/Athletic Director. He is very dedicated and committed, and he provides leadership, enthusiasm, and kindness on a daily basis. Further, Mr. Beard has demonstrated a strong daily commitment to working with our students, staff, and families for the betterment of everyone."

Rankin School District #98 is extremely grateful for Mr. Beard and for the leadership he provides as Rankin's Principal/Athletic Director! On behalf of the District, thank you to Mr. Beard! Please join me in wishing Mr. Beard a Happy Principal Appreciation Day! Go Rebels!

Sincerely

Dr. Matt Gordon, Superintendent



Happy Principal Appreciation Day!