



Dear United Community Staff, Students, and Families,



My name is Elyse Brimeyer. I have had the honor of being the Principal at United since the 2022-23 school year! I absolutely love the elementary-level age group. Working with children to help blossom and grow throughout their learning journey is one of the greatest joys of my life. I truly believe that being an Elementary Principal is my calling and I thrive when working with each and every one of you!

I began my career in education in 2007 as a Vocal and General Music Teacher with the Johnston Community School District and quickly learned that I not only loved teaching, but I also had a passion for leading in the school setting. In 2012, I had the amazing opportunity to serve the Perry Community School District as Director of Teaching and Learning, focusing on curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development initiatives. From 2013-2022 I was an Elementary Principal with the Urbandale Community School District at Olmsted and Jensen Schools. It was in this setting that I discovered the importance of a child's school experience being one of belonging, significance, and fun! As an elementary principal, I pride myself in building capacity to create and sustain a school culture and climate focused on high expectations for academic, social-emotional, and behavioral learning.

My training and educational background include a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education K-12 from Iowa State University (2007), a Master of Arts in Education from Viterbo University (2008), a Master of Arts in Educational Administration and PreK-12 Principal Licensure from Iowa State University (2013). Most currently, I hold my PreK-12 Superintendent Licensure (2025) and am all-but-doctorate! in the Doctor of Education in PreK-12 Systems-Level Leadership and candidate at Iowa State University.

Outside of my professional life, I love to garden, cook, travel, walk, bike, listen to podcasts, and spend time with my family. My husband (Ted) is the Director of Children, Teens, and Families Ministries and Matins Choir at Plymouth Church in Des Moines and is on the faculty of Drake University as Teaching Artist of Choirs, conducting Borealis, the auditioned treble choir. Our children (Malley 16, Saffi 14, and Augie 11) and pup (Zeke) keep us active and busy! In our household, music activities and soccer fill our schedules and bring big smiles to our faces!



Sincerely, Elyse Brimeyer United Community School Elementary Principal