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Slaven hired as first Hardin County Transition Facilitator

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Lisa Slaven has been named the first Hardin County Schools Transition Facilitator.

Slaven will work with community business and industry partners to increase opportunities for students transitioning to the workplace, college and career/technical education, according to a district news release. She has worked as the transition coach at North Hardin High School for the last two school years.

"Hardin County Schools continually focuses on transition readiness," she said. "This district works hard to ensure students are ready for life after high school. I am excited to start in this new position because it is yet another example of that focus. We will not only present students with the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in their future career pathways, but we will also provide access to experience to use those skills."

As Transition Facilitator, Slaven will work to find co-op and internship experiences for students, will work with elementary and middle schools to implement Work Ethic Certification curriculum and capstone programs, maintain a data dashboard to monitor college and career readiness status of all high school students, work with transition coaches to develop a curriculum for sixth, seventh and eighth-graders that allows for career education and exploration with vertical alignment, work with the middle and high schools to promote college and career pathways and to define the college and career awareness process, providing each grade level with appropriate transition readiness guidance and other duties that may go along with the position, according to the release.

"Lisa is certainly well versed in this role and she works hard to do what is best for students," HCS Superintendent Teresa Morgan said in the release. "Her experience and leadership will serve the students across the district well. She is committed to ensuring that all students will be

contributing members of society. She is organized, confident and will do whatever it takes to help students succeed beyond the school's four walls. She understands that students must be work-ready. It doesn't matter if they go to college, vocational school or straight into the workforce after graduation."

Slaven came to HCS as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher at North Hardin High School in 2009. She also has served on the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KATFACS) Board and the Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Education (KACTE) Board.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Kentucky University and her Rank I from the University of the Cumberlands.

"I'm passionate about the thought of helping more students feel prepared to transition out of school and aiding our local businesses," Slaven added. "We have a growing a skilled workforce and when our things return to normal, our students will be there to help our businesses thrive again."