

Board Report
August 11, 2025

Jim Knott - Principal
Douglas County West High School

As always, the new school year brings a renewed excitement for students, staff, and parents. From the upcoming contests at the new outdoor athletic complex, to fall sports practices officially starting, to new course offerings at the High School, and meeting new staff, administrators, and students, it is a GREAT time to be a Falcon!

Every new school year also brings new faces to our team. This year at the high school, we will have three new employees. Their names and bios are listed below. Please stop by and meet them at open house on Monday, August 11, from 6:30-8:00.

1) **Morgan Thompson** - MS/HS Assistant Band & Choir – Ms. Thompson is originally from Blair and earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She student-taught at Omaha Central High School last spring in the Instrumental Music Department. At DC West, she will assist Mrs. Guinn and Mrs. Beyl in the middle and high school band and choir programs.

2) **Karmen Koch** (Pronounced “Cook”) – High School Math - Ms. Koch is originally from Crofton, NE, student taught at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, and taught math at Crofton High School last year. Her undergraduate degree is from Wayne State University. Ms. Koch will teach Geometry, Honors Geometry, and Geometry Support at DC West.

3) **Kim Loofe** (Pronounced “Loof”) – HS Special Education - Mrs. Loofe has worked as a special education teacher at several schools over the last twenty-five years, but her most recent stop was at Kearney High School from 2018-2025. She earned her undergraduate degree from UNO and her master’s degree from Concordia University. She will teach high school special education at DC West.