

In retirement, Doug Becker plans to enjoy part-time work, volunteering, and time with granddaughter

Becker has 44 years of experience in education. He joined the District in 2006 as principal of Shull Elementary School. He was principal at Shull for two years and then became principal at Stonegate Elementary, where he has worked the past 12 years.

“The great thing about working for Ray-Pec is that it is a district that values teamwork and collaboration,” he said.

He was hired as principal of Shull as the district prepared to change the school from an intermediate school to an elementary school. “We selected such a great staff and built a positive culture through a lot of staff development,” he said.

He also has pride in the accomplishments at Stonegate Elementary.

“In spring of 2018, Stonegate was recognized as a Missouri Exemplary Professional Learning Community,” he said. “It was so much fun to work through that process with our Building Leadership Team and staff.”

He came to Ray-Pec from the Kansas City, Kansas, School District, where he was principal of Stony Point South Elementary School from 2003 to 2006. From 2001 to 2003, he was Executive Director of Instruction for the KCK District. Earlier, Becker worked 11 years for the Kansas City, Mo., School District, where he was the founding principal of Holliday Montessori Elementary School, an urban school for grades pre-K through 9. He also was an assistant principal for one year at an elementary school in Dallas, Texas.

Before becoming a school administrator, Becker taught early elementary Montessori, and also taught grades six, seven, and eight. He was an adjunct professor at College of St. Catherine, Minneapolis, Minn., and for one semester at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was a lecturer in education for three years at UMKC.

Becker received his bachelor’s degree in psychology and education from the University of Massachusetts, and completed training with the American Montessori Society in 1979. He received a master’s degree in public school administration in 1983 from the University of North Texas and his education specialist degree in public school administration in 1979 from UMKC.

Future plans for Becker?

Becker and his wife, Anne, plan to stay in the area to be close to their granddaughter. He also plans to work part-time and do volunteer work.