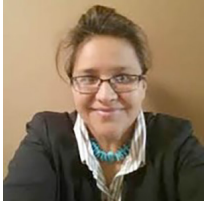


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The most recent athletic director at Crownpoint High School isn't working in the job anymore, and the school's principal is now acting AD – at least until a new director comes aboard, officials said.

That was the word Feb. 17 from Crownpoint High Principal Ophelia Sanchez who is a career Gallup- McKinley County Schools employee and previously the assistant principal at Washington Elementary School in Gallup.

Sanchez took over the Crownpoint principal job more than a year ago and after J.D. Reed was let go for making derogatory comments about Native American students and school board officials.

"I am the (athletic director) at the moment," Sanchez said. "The job is open and we expect to hire a new athletic director soon."

Sanchez said former Eagles athletic director Adriane Ashley vacated the job Feb. 2. She did not specify why Ashley left the job. Sanchez said because there was no immediate AD replacement lined up that she took over in the interim. Sanchez said she is not receiving extra pay for taking over the athletic director position on the interim basis.

Prior to Ashley assuming the job, which she held for about six months, career Crownpoint employee Sherri Moore was the Eagles' athletic director. Moore retired from the job after nearly 22 years as both AD and girls basketball and volleyball head coaching stints.

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An exact count on how many resumés have been received for the Crownpoint AD job wasn't immediately available this week from the Gallup-McKinley County School District. Sanchez said she enjoys pulling the double-duty, saying she gets lots of help from fellow Crownpoint administrators doing the job.

“My grandson played basketball at Crownpoint last year,” Helen Yazzie, of Mariano Lake, said. “I hope they hire some one soon.”

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