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Jackson Olsen, Ed.D., is the Director of High School Leadership Development at the KIPP Foundation where he coaches and supports high school principals and principal supervisors across the country. Before joining KIPP, he was the Founding High School Principal at Henderson Collegiate High School, an independent Title I charter school in North Carolina. Dr. Olsen's school was in the top 3% of all public schools in the state, earned an "A" rating for 4 out of 5 years, and was named a Title I School of Distinction during his tenure. Dr. Olsen also worked in district schools at the elementary, middle, and high school level as a teacher, assistant principal, and football and baseball coach.

Dr. Olsen was a member of the 2021 Leverage Leadership Institute (LLI) Fellowship and the 2015 National Principals Academy Fellowship (NPAF) through the Relay Graduate School of Education, completing both programs with honors. In 2022, he was appointed by former Governor Steve Sisolak to serve on the board of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority. He earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where his research focused on teacher retention. He holds a master's degree in school administration from N.C. State University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Utah State.

Dr. Olsen and his wife moved to Las Vegas in 2020 and are parents to three children. He is a Field Team member and volunteer with Red Rock Search and Rescue, a member of the 52 Peak Club, and a volunteer with Leaders in Training.