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Additional Administrative Support Planned For The 2019-20 School Year

New Positions Created At North Polk's Secondary Schools

ALLEMAN, IA: The North Polk Community School District (NPCSD) will employ two additional administrators for the 2019-20 school year. The newly created positions at North Polk's secondary schools will provide increased support and resources for the district's students and staff.

North Polk High School (NPHS) is lead by Cynthia Phillips, who currently serves as principal of the building. Joining her in the efforts will be Seth Poldberg, who has been hired to serve as assistant principal. During the current school year, NPHS is home to over 470 students in grades 9-12, and employs nearly 60 staff members. While these numbers will likely fluctuate in the 2019-20 school year, an additional administrator within the building will help to better serve the students and staff of NPHS.

Similarly, North Polk Middle School (NPMS) is home to over 425 students in grades 6-8, and employs approximately 45 staff members. Jon Richards, who currently serves as principal of NPMS, will welcome Ben Wolf as assistant principal in the 2019-20 school year. Wolf will also assume the duties of activities director for extra-curricular participants in grades 7-8.

The role of the assistant principal may vary based on school size or organizational structure, and includes a wide range of responsibilities. Generally, an assistant principal helps support the lead principal in daily and administrative operations of the building. An assistant principal is typically tasked with handling student discipline issues and helping to supervise instructional and non-instructional staff. Additionally, other duties may include assisting in the interviewing and hiring process for positions within their building, managing building budgets, conducting staff meetings and assisting with professional development plans.

ABOUT NORTH POLK:

Over the last several years, the North Polk Community School District has experienced increased student enrollment caused by residential growth within district boundaries. The district served nearly 1,845 students in grades preschool through 12th grade during the 2018-19 school year, and is expecting a sizeable increase in enrollment for the 2019-20 school year. To support this growth, additional staffing and facility needs are essential to providing a safe and positive learning environment.

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BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION:

Mr. Seth Poldberg, Assistant Principal of NPHS



Mr. Poldberg has 12 years of experience in education, and is presently concluding his fourth school year at Carlisle High School in Carlisle, IA. Poldberg joined the Carlisle team in August of 2015 as a high school teacher, then in July of 2017 he transitioned into the role of assistant principal. Prior to Carlisle, Poldberg served as a history teacher at Prairie City Monroe, Guthrie Center, Bondurant-Farrar. Poldberg is a 2006 graduate of Wayne State College, and earned his Masters in Educational Administration from the University of South Dakota in 2012.

Poldberg is excited about the new position that was created at NPHS and is looking forward to working with Mrs. Phillips in shaping the new role. "I'm looking forward to taking the experiences and skill set I've gained here (at Carlisle) and helping the students, teachers, and administrators at North Polk," he said.

When asked of his leadership style, Poldberg said, "I am a positive and energetic leader with a strong passion to help students reach their goals." He went on to say, "I truly believe that all students can learn at high levels and hope to create and sustain a culture of continuous improvement for all students and staff."

Seth Poldberg, his wife, Laura, and their children, Luke (age 5) and Lucy (age 2), are excited to become part of the Comet family and North Polk community. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Poldberg and his family to our school community!

Mr. Ben Wolf, Assistant Principal and Activities Director of NPMS



Mr. Wolf is no stranger to North Polk; 19 of Wolf's 20 years in education have been at North Polk, with one year at Ankeny Schools. Throughout his tenure within the district, Wolf served 12 years as a 6th grade social studies teacher, and 7 years as an 8th grade social studies teacher. Additionally, Wolf has been a mentor teacher to his peers at NPMS for the past 5 years. At North Polk, Wolf has also served as student council advisor, building leadership team (BLT) member, technology club sponsor, and junior high baseball coach. Wolf holds an Associate of Arts degree from North Iowa Area Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa. In 2004, Wolf earned his Master of Education in Educational Administration from Iowa State University.

Of his new role, Wolf is eager to get started and feels his previous experiences will help him to successfully fill the role of middle school assistant principal and activities director. "I am excited to serve the district in this new position, and to continue working with and supporting our great students, parents, and staff," said Wolf. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Wolf on his new role!

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