

January 8, 2018

Dear Families,

Good Morning. My name is Lynn Johnson and I will be serving as the Interim Superintendent for the remainder of the school year.

I am a graduate of Purdue North Central, both as an undergraduate and graduate student; Indiana University South Bend where I earned my Administrative License; and Indiana State University, where I earned my Educational Specialist degree. My educational experience includes 11 years as a classroom teacher at Indian Trail in LaPorte, 13 years' experience as an elementary principal for the Penn Harris Madison School Corporation, and 6 years as superintendent for the North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation. Most recently, I taught Literacy in Education as an adjunct professor at Purdue Northwest.

I have had the opportunity this past week to meet with the School Board and the Faculty and Staff at Westville. I am very impressed with the commitment I see to students. The staff came back on January to attend an all school training seminar on Academic Rigor and Building Relationships. It was very motivating to me.

I believe that parents are a crucial partner in the education of their children. I ask parents to be advocates always, but never adversaries. As parents, you want what's best for your children as do we. Sometimes decisions must be made that are not always popular, but necessary. The best interests of children and their safety and security are a priority.

You are welcome at the buildings and to always be a partner. I would ask that you respect the chain of command. Should you have an issue, please contact your child's teacher first, then the principal. The same is the standard for athletics; coach first, then the Athletic Director, and so on. While I am happy to speak with any patron, I must ask that you value the integrity of our staff and their commitment to our children.

I provide bi monthly updates on the website and hope to see many of you at school events. I am looking forward to meeting your wonderful children. Each is unique, and it is a privilege to be a part of their lives.

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cc: Board of School Trustees