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SUBJECT: CENTER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTRAL'S PRINCIPAL MOVES TO CENTRAL OFFICE; ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TAKES OVER
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CENTER GROVE, IN (June 18, 2013)—The Center Grove Community School Corporation has appointed Dr. Jack Parker as the new Assistant Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Special Education (CIASE) for the corporation. Nora Hoover will replace Dr. Parker who has been principal of Center Grove Middle School Central (MSC) since 2004.

Dr. Jack Parker

Current principal of Center Grove Middle School Central (MSC), Dr. Parker will leave that post after 9 years in the position to take on the responsibilities of assisting the curriculum and special education departments.

"Dr. Parker's overall experience as a middle school principal and his excellent background in professional development and strong collaboration skills make him a great fit for the position of Assistant Director," said superintendent Mr. Rich Arkanoff. "We are excited to have him join the curriculum and special education teams and look forward to his impact on enhancing instruction for all students."

His major areas of focus will include textbook adoption, professional development and program development for our curriculum department as well as overseeing a new special education program for 18-22 year olds, monitoring compliance and exploring program options for our special education department.

He holds a Master's degree from Butler University and a Doctorate degree from Indiana State University. In his 24 years of experience, he has served as a band director, assistant principal and principal all at Middle School Central. Also, for two years, he served as Associate Director of the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy at the Indiana Department of Education.

"In the role of Assistant Director, I look forward to serving the broader Center Grove school community and continuing my quest to make a difference in the lives of our students. I am honored to serve in this new position, and I am thankful to Mr. Arkanoff and the Board for their support in allowing me to continue to grow as an educational leader."

While he looks forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, Dr. Parker will take with him fond memories of his time at Middle School Central. "Serving as an administrator at Middle School Central for the past 14 years has been a privilege," he said. "The best part of MSC is the people that pass through its doors each and every day. I am thankful for all of the connections I have made while serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal."

Nora Hoover

Assistant principal at Center Grove Middle School Central (MSC), Nora Hoover, will serve as Jack Parker's successor. Starting July 22, she will become principal for the 950+ students at the middle school. Mrs. Hoover began as assistant principal 9 years ago. Before coming to Center Grove, she was assistant principal at East Central High School in St. Leon, Indiana. Prior to serving as an administrator, she was an English and Social Studies teacher and Administrative Intern at Central Noble High School in Albion, Indiana.

"My husband, a teacher at Center Grove High School, and I are pleased and proud to be members of Center Grove school corporation, serving a multitude of great families. While knowing the hard work ahead, I am dedicated to providing for students and parents an excellent school, just as I expect for our children." Mrs. Hoover said.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in history and political science from Franklin College, transition to teaching certification from Indiana University, and a Master's degree in administration from Indiana University. As an educator, Mrs. Hoover hopes to both continue the high level of success that MSC families and staff expect and pursue new and novel approaches to strength our programs.

Over that past nine years, Mrs. Hoover has helped establish professional development initiatives, school improvement data tracking, common school and subject vocabulary, data-driven goal plans, and a collaborative school culture. She helped lead Response to Instruction initiatives and scheduling and oversaw school-wide data.

With her experience at MSC and her understanding of the staff and student body, Dr. Parker believes his successor is the right person for the job.

"Mrs. Hoover is an incredibly talented administrator who has demonstrated strong dedication to the students and staff of MSC," said Dr. Parker.

Superintendent Rich Arkanoff picked Mrs. Hoover for the job because of her dedication and commitment to children and her past achievements as the assistant principal at Middle School Central. "Mrs. Hoover has been an integral part of the middle school's success over the last nine years and has proved herself as a strong leader," said Mr. Arkanoff. He believes the new principal will continue a positive culture and school community that the staff has worked so hard to develop.

Mrs. Hoover will take the reins and continue to build on MSC's success. The new state mandated teacher evaluations will remain an important topic, and MSC is dedicating time and resources to provide professional development for all teachers to grow as educators.

The advantage for Mrs. Hoover, however, is the school's former principal is only a stone's throw away. "Dr. Parker and I worked well together. We faced many changes in education in the past nine years; however, with support from an amazing staff, we were diligent and proactive in preparing MSC to meet those challenges. From a new evaluation system to Common Core to continuous school improvement, working with Dr. Parker has prepared me to lead our students, staff, and families through whatever is next. Fortunately, Dr. Parker will become a corporation-wide resource for all schools, supporting MSC and beyond."

"Nora and I have worked well together for the past nine years and it's good for the corporation that there won't be any major transition."

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