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CGCSC Announces Leadership Changes

GREENWOOD, IN (May 24, 2024) – William Long, Ed.D., interim superintendent, announced several changes to his leadership team, which were approved by the Center Grove Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees at their May 23, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Lynn Simmers will be the next Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning. Khailey Brown will serve as the district's next Executive Director of Human Resources. Christy Berger, MSW, LSW will serve as Executive Director of Student Services. Khailey Brown will serve as Executive Director of Human Resources and Christy Berger, MSW, LSW will serve as Executive Director of Student Services. In their new positions, both Brown and Berger will serve on the Superintendent's Cabinet, along with Dr. Simmers, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jason Taylor, and Executive Director of Communications Stacy Conrad. Kristin Rodman will move into Brown's role as Director of Elementary Special Education. The district has also selected Amy Selby, as the district's next Director of Secondary Special Education. They will officially begin their new roles on July 1.

Dr. Simmers is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Southwest Allen County Schools in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her 30-year career in education started in Manchester Community Schools in North Manchester, Indiana where she taught 6th Grade. She has served as assistant principal, athletic director, and principal in Warsaw Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, and Dekalb County Central Schools before moving to Southwest Allen County Schools. She has served as Southwest Allen's Assistant Superintendent since 2014. Simmers holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Manchester College, a master's degree in Education Administration from Indiana/Purdue University Fort Wayne, and a doctorate in Educational Administration from Indiana State University. Dr. Simmers will join Center Grove's Leadership team in July.

Khailey Brown has served as the district's Director of Elementary Special Education since August 2021. Brown moved to Center Grove in February 2018 when she was named the Coordinator of Special Education. Brown started her career in education as a teacher at RISE Learning Center in Perry Township. She then taught special education for grades 6-8 in Manhattan Beach, CA before moving to Noblesville Schools where she taught gifted and talented for grade 5 and behavior support and adaptive skills for grades K-5. She moved to Clark Pleasant Community

Schools to serve as Program Support, working alongside administrators and teachers to support and grow special education programming, before coming to Center Grove. Brown holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a dual license in Mild and Intense interventions, Director of Exceptional Needs licensure, and master's degrees in both Special Education and Education Leadership, all from Indiana University. She replaces Dr. Krista Nelson who will leave the position on May 10 to pursue a position outside education.

Christy Berger has served as the district's Director of School Counseling and Mental Health since May 2021. Before that, she served as the Director of Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Wellness for the Indiana Department of Education. Berger previously worked in Center Grove for nine years, first as a School Social Worker at North Grove Elementary and then School Counselor at Center Grove Middle School Central. Berger holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Anderson University, a master's in social work from IUPUI, and a master's in School Counseling from Indiana Wesleyan. She is a Licensed Social Worker.

Kristin Rodman is currently the principal of Sugar Grove Elementary, a position she has held since May 2020. She served for three years as assistant principal for Center Grove Elementary. Before that, she was at Center Grove Middle School Central where she was a special education teacher and later dean of students. Rodman holds a bachelor's degree in Exceptional Need-Severe Interventions and a master's degree in Education Administration and Supervision, both from Ball State. A search for the next principal of Sugar Grove is in progress.

Amy Selby is currently the Executive Director of Exceptional Learners at Hamilton Southeastern Schools, a position she has held since July 2021. She started her education career as a special education teacher. She taught in both the MSD of Pike Township and Mooresville Schools before moving into administration. She has served as Director of Special Education for Crawfordsville Schools and West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative. Selby replaces Dr. Reneae Staley who left the position in March for a position outside education.

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