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## **I-SS Principal of the Year Named New Leader at Lake Norman High School**

Following the retirement announced by Mr. Bill Shapcott, the current principal, Superintendent Dr. Jeff James announced Mr. Nicholas Allen will be the new leader of Lake Norman High School. Mr. Allen currently serves as the principal at Harmony Elementary School and was most recently named the Iredell-Statesville Schools Principal of the Year. He has served as a social studies teacher, administrative intern, instructional facilitator, and assistant principal. Before working in public schools, Mr. Allen served in a variety of leadership roles in several furniture companies in North Carolina and Florida.

Mr. Allen holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, a master's degree in teaching from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and two graduate certificates—one in instructional systems technology and the other in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Mr. Allen is looking forward to his new role and partnering with the community.

"It's an honor to become a part of the Lake Norman High School community," Allen explained. "The school's renowned culture of success is truly inspiring, and I'm committed to partnering with our dedicated staff, talented students, and supportive community to maintain that excellence and achieve even greater things together."

Superintendent Dr. Jeff James is excited for Mr. Allen to take on this role.

"The job drew interest from top-tier candidates, making it one of the most competitive positions in the district," Dr. James stated. "We always make sure we have input from our school and the community that is used in helping guide the decision. Mr. Allen has done an exceptional job at Harmony Elementary. His background makes him an ideal selection for the school."

Mr. Allen will assume his new position on July 7th.