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NORTH IREDELL HIGH PRINCIPAL NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE LEADER

STATESVILLE, N.C.— Iredell-Statesville Schools is excited to announce Diana Jones, principal at North Iredell High School, has been named the Chief Elementary Academic Officer of Iredell-Statesville Schools. Mrs. Jones comes with a wealth of knowledge as she has spent the majority of her career teaching and leading in elementary education. She replaces Jon Ribbeck, who was recently named to a position in the Mooresville Graded School District.

Before becoming the principal at North Iredell High in 2019, Mrs. Jones served as the principal at Central Elementary in 2013 and as the principal at Courtney Elementary in Yadkin County Schools in 2009. She has served as an assistant principal in Yadkin County and began her teaching career here in Iredell-Statesville Schools at Northview and Ebenezer elementary schools.

As a seasoned administrator, Mrs. Jones has been recognized as the Yadkin County Principal of the Year in 2010 and the Iredell-Statesville Principal of the Year in 2023. She most recently completed the North Carolina School Superintendents Association (NCSSA) Aspiring Superintendents Program Cohort IX. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concord College and a master's degree in school administration from Gardner-Webb University.

Mrs. Jones is excited to take on this new role.

"After spending twenty years of my career in elementary education, it is truly a dream come true to accept the role of Chief Elementary Academic Officer," explained Diana Jones. "I'm excited to return to my roots and begin this next chapter with gratitude and purpose."

"Mrs. Jones has been a standout administrator during her tenure in Iredell-Statesville Schools," stated Superintendent Dr. Jeff James. "Under her leadership, North Iredell High School exceeded academic growth by 11.92 to be named the 1st in academic growth in the state of North Carolina. I'm excited to welcome Mrs. Jones to this new role and the impact her leadership will have in our district."

Mrs. Jones will assume her duties in mid-September once a new principal is approved and named at North Iredell High School.