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Highland welcomes new high school principal

MEDINA, OHIO (7/6/11) – Dana Addis has been named Highland High School's new principal effective August 1, 2011. The Highland Board of Education made it official at a special meeting held July 5.

Mr. Addis, who has 19 years of educational experience, served as the assistant principal at Strongsville High School for one year and previously the athletic administrator at Copley-Fairlawn for three. Prior to that, he was an English teacher for 13 years at Copley High School and has extensive experience coaching basketball. He received a Bachelor degree in Telecommunications, as well as Education, from Kent State University and his Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Akron.

As an administrator in two districts, Mr. Addis worked closely with administrative teams to complete significant projects that helped to further the growth of students, as well as the schools. While at Strongsville, he produced plans for a new literacy/writing lab that is scheduled to open in the 2011-12 academic year. Additionally, he was an integral part of introducing a new RTI program centering on district goals and staff strengths and worked with the staff to reinforce the importance of using data in achieving both short cycle and term instructional goals.

"From a very short distance and with admiration, I have watched Highland students perform at a high level and represent their district in a very professional manner. It will be my honor to now serve them, the staff and faculty, the administrative team and the entire community as the high school principal," said Mr. Addis. "I am anticipating a year of exciting growth for each person involved in the life of Highland High School."

According to Superintendent Catherine Aukerman, Addis stood out among a highly qualified pool of applicants following a rigorous three-step interview process that included a final interview in front of teachers and administrators.

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"He was the obvious choice," she said. "Dana not only exemplifies the strong leadership qualities that we were looking for in our next high school principal, but over the years, he also has demonstrated a loyalty and a commitment to educational advancement opportunities with a student-centered approach. We are confident that Dana will be a strong addition to the Highland School District."

Mr. Addis replaces Pete Ulrich who is set to retire on July 31, ending a career which spans 32 years in education with eight years spent at Highland High School. Ulrich was hired in Highland as the assistant principal at the high school in 1999 and was then promoted to principal in 2008. Mr. Ulrich previously served in a number of capacities at different schools in Medina and neighboring counties, including as band director at Copley and Rittman Exempted Village high schools. He was also an assistant principal at the Medina County Career Center.

Mr. Addis currently resides in Wadsworth with his wife and children.

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