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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

## **Waterford Board of Education Approves Administrative Appointments**

**June 7, 2007 Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford Board of Education approved the appointment of Matt Wandrie as assistant principal at Mott High School. Wandrie was hired as assistant principal at Kettering High School in 2004. He received his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University and earned his undergraduate degree from Alma College. Wandrie replaces Craig Blomquist who was appointed principal at Crary Middle School in January.

Donna Hillstrom was appointed assistant principal at Kettering High School, replacing Wandrie. Hillstrom began teaching in the Waterford School District in 1995. She became assistant principal at Mason Middle School in 2000. Hillstrom earned her Bachelors Degree from Marygrove College.

Jeremy LaDronka will replace Hillstrom as assistant principal at Mason Middle School. LaDronka joined the Waterford School District in 2003 as a teacher and in 2005 was appointed assistant principal at Pierce Middle School. He has a Bachelors Degree from Western Michigan University.

Tanya Blaine was appointed assistant principal at Pierce Middle School, replacing LaDronka. Blaine was hired as a teacher in the District in 1995. She was appointed assistant principal at Pierce Middle School in 2002 and currently serves in the Dean of Students role at Crary Middle School. She received her Bachelors Degree from Oakland University and her Masters Degree from Michigan State University.

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Mike Butterfield will join the staff at Kettering High School as building athletic director. Butterfield joined the Waterford School District in 2005 and was assigned District athletic responsibilities. Butterfield has a Bachelors Degree from the University of Michigan. The District has restructured the current position and each high school will have an athletic director as a result of eliminating the Dean of Students positions. The Mott High School athletic director position is posted at this time.

Jan Tirrell was named principal at Sandburg Elementary School, replacing Joann O'Rourke who will assume the position of interventionist. Tirrell began teaching in the Waterford School District in 1987 and was named principal at Burt Elementary School in 1997. Tirrell earned her Master and Bachelor Degrees from Oakland University.

Mary Barghahn will assume the role of principal at Burt Elementary School, replacing Tirrell. In 1991 Barghahn began teaching in the Waterford School District. She was appointed principal at Beaumont Elementary School in 1998. Barghahn received her Master and Bachelor Degrees from Michigan State University. The Beaumont Elementary principal position is posted at this time.

Angela Novotny was named Haviland Elementary School principal, replacing Suzanne Antonazzo who was appointed elementary education supervisor. Novotny joined the Waterford School District in 2001 as a teacher and in 2006 was appointed child care administrator. She earned her Master and Bachelor Degrees from Michigan State University.

Suzanne Antonazzo will assume the role of elementary education supervisor, replacing Mike Batten who was named assistant superintendent of instruction and accountability. Antonazzo was hired as a teacher by the Waterford School District in 1970 and was appointed principal of Haviland Elementary School in 1994. She earned her Master and Bachelor Degrees from Oakland University.

All new appointments are effective July 1, 2007.

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