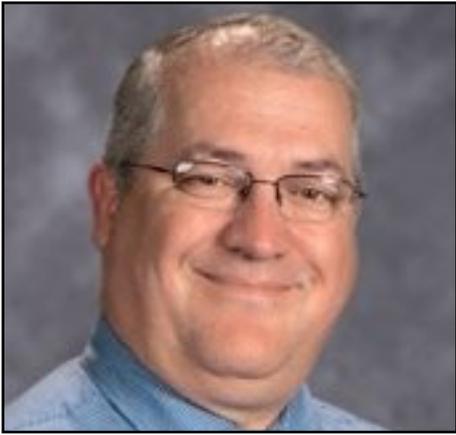


Congratulations to AWSA's 2020-21 Retirees

Wishing you the best on a grand new adventure.





Bill Clouse

Principal

Durand-Arkansaw School District

Number of Years in Education: 31

Brief summary of career: 5 years teacher & coach at Loyal, 4 years Dean of students at Loyal, 6 years MS/HS Principal at Augusta, and 16 years MS/HS Principal at Durand.

Post Retirement Plans: Catch up on my honey-do list, spend time with family, lose lots of golf balls, and travel. My main focus

will be to make up for lost time with my family.



Christopher Grinde

Assistant Principal

Westfield School District

Number of Years in Education: 37

Brief summary of career: I first retired from Sauk Prairie after 33 years where I spent my entire career as a teacher, AP and principal. Westfield asked me to fill in for 2 months as AP/AD and 4.5 years later my 2 months is over.

Post Retirement Plans: Find a part time job in education somewhere, and spend more time with family, and enjoying my free time hunting, fishing and working on my dream of becoming an Olympic curler!



Connie Haessly

Principal

Monona Grove School District

Number of Years in Education: 36

Brief summary of career: I began teaching in 1985 as an Early Childhood Special Education in the Portage Community School District. After completing 5 years in Portage, I accepted a teaching position in the DeForest Area School District. In 2001, I was hired in the Monona Grove School District as a principal (first 7 years at Maywood School and then 13 years at Taylor Prairie School).

Post Retirement Plans: We are in the process of building a home, so initially time will be spent working on organizing years of forgotten items. I also hope to spend time teaching yoga, practicing REIKI, and working as an aroma therapist.



Dave Schwarz

Principal

School District of Baraboo

Number of Years in Education: 29

Brief summary of career: Over the years I taught many subject areas in grades 5-8 in the Milwaukee area, River Ridge School District, and Baraboo School District. I have been in administration for the past 7 years, 4 as an associate principal and 3 as the principal at Jack Young Middle School.

Post Retirement Plans: Spending time with my three children and their families plus traveling with my soon to be retired wife of 33 years.



Dawn Noon

Principal

Merrill Area Public Schools

Number of Years in Education: 31

Brief summary of career: Taught Regular and Special Education at the Middle School and High School level, was Principal at the Elementary level.

Post Retirement Plans: Continue to look for ways to create life-long learners. I also hope to study herbal medicine.



Dirk Hunter

Principal & Supervisor

La Crosse School District

Number of Years in Education: 38

Brief summary of career: 1st grade teacher, 4th & 5th grade teacher, and then Principal for 29 plus years. Cultural & Family Connections Supervisor, EL Supervisor, and Summer School Supervisor.

Post Retirement Plans: Fishing, hunting, woodworking, traveling, and Leadership consulting.



Jackie Santi

Principal

School District of Cudahy

Number of Years in Education: 36

Brief summary of career: I taught for 13 years and was a principal for 23 years. The highlight of my career was working with so many amazing kids and watching them grow.

Post Retirement Plans: I am still working on a plan.



James Grygleski

Principal

Rosholt School District

Number of Years in Education: 32

Brief summary of career: Began teaching Social Studies the fall of 1989. Over the course of 15 years I held titles such as Assistant and Head Football Coach, Assistant Basketball Coach, Technology Coordinator. I held the positions of Athletic Director and Dean of Students and then became the MS/HS Principal the fall of 2006. I have held that position the past 15 years.

Post Retirement Plans: My plan is to focus on activities related to my spiritual life. I will also spend some time traveling and enjoying my family.



Jeanne Koepke

Principal

Stevens Point Area Public Schools

Number of Years in Education: 38

Brief summary of career : I have taught at the high school and elementary levels, finishing that part of my journey as a gifted talented district teacher. I have been a principal at the elementary and middle levels. I was privileged to work with a team to design, open, and lead in a new building. 15 years later I moved into my final placement where I was a principal, mentor, and facilitator.

Post Retirement Plans: Golfing, spending time with family and friends, and working to support the elderly and their needs.



Jill Seaman

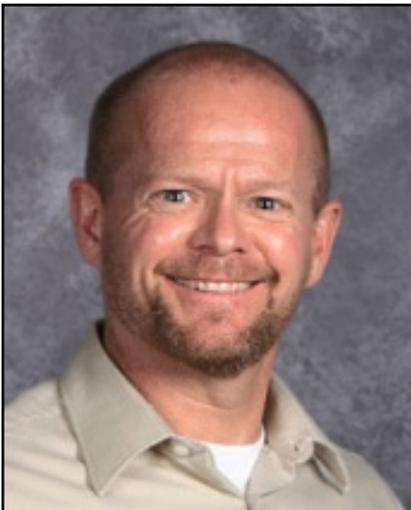
Principal

Merrill Area Public Schools

Number of Years in Education: 33

Brief summary of career : I've been the Principal at Pine River School for Young Learners and Director of MAPS Head Start and MAPS 4K programming the past 4 years. Prior to this, I was the PK - 12 English Language Arts Coordinator for the Merrill Area Public School District. Over my educational career, I have had the privilege to teach Merrill students from PK - grade 8.

Post Retirement Plans: I plan to enjoy time with family, and work part-time to be a support to other administrators and teachers. I will continue learning.



Jonathan Dodge

Principal & District Director of Instruction

Ellsworth Community School District

Number of Years in Education: 31

Brief summary of career: I taught HS EBD for seven years, HS US History and AP Psychology for 15 years. I coached track and cross country most of that time. Took the plunge into admin in 2012 and spent my last nine years as a principal with other duties as assigned.

Post Retirement Plans: My wife, Loni, is also retiring from her public service job. Thank you WRS! We have sold our house and almost all our worldly possessions to live the vagabond life of full-time RVers. Oregon's Banana Belt is beckoning.



Laura Huber

Principal

La Crosse School District

Number of Years in Education: 36

Brief summary of career: I have worked 5 years as a SPED teacher, 13 years as an elementary teacher, 5 years as an instructional resource teacher, 2 years as an assistant principal in MMSD and 11 years as a principal in La Crosse.

Post Retirement Plans: Teaching in Higher ED.



Lori VanHandel

Principal

Little Chute School District

Number of Years in Education: 34

Brief summary of career: For 12 years I taught at the high school level, followed by 5 years as the Horace Mann Assistant Principal, before I moved to my position at Little Chute. I have been blessed to work with great students, staff, administration, and supportive communities throughout my 34 years in education.

Post Retirement Plans: I am looking forward to golfing, fishing and spending more time with my family.



Machell Schwarz

Principal

DeForest Area School District

Number of Years in Education: 35

Brief summary of career : I started my career as a math teacher and worked in both public and private, rural and urban settings for 10 years as a math teacher. I was offered my first job as a 7-12 principal at Cassville, WI in 1997 and then spent 11 years as the principal at Baraboo High School and 11 years as the principal at DeForest Area High School. I was nominated 3 times for principal of the year and finally in my 2nd to last year was honored with a Herb Kohl Leadership Award. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping students work their way through this thing called high school.

Post Retirement Plans: I am excited to be able to spend more time with my family and particularly my grandkids. My husband and I love to travel and have some grand ideas once this pandemic is over!



Mark White

Human Resources Director

La Crosse School District

Number of Years in Education: 39

Brief summary of career : I began my admin career in the Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District and moved to La Crosse as an elementary school principal at Hintgen Elementary School where I worked for 26 years. For the past 5 years I have been the Human Resources Director in the La Crosse School District.

Post Retirement Plans: My wife Deb and I plan to slow the pace down some and enjoy our grandchildren, in addition to traveling to places we are looking forward to having the time to visit!



Michael Mockert

Principal

Fond du Lac School District

Number of Years in Education: 30

Brief summary of career: HS Teacher/Coach and Elementary AP in Menomonee Falls. Principal at Lakeshore and Rosenow Elementary schools in Fond du Lac.

Post Retirement Plans: My immediate plan is not to have a plan for a while.



Patricia Vickman

Superintendent

Southern Door County School District

Number of Years in Education: 45

Brief summary of career: I taught elementary in several public and private schools in several states. In Oshkosh, I served as district reading coordinator, and then an elementary principal for 17 years. I went on to secure district office positions where I supervised 24 principals and served as the Human Resources Director. Nine and a half years ago, my career came full circle, as I became superintendent at Southern Door, which is the school I actually graduated from.

Post Retirement Plans: Serving as board member of several non-profits; mentoring administrators; spending time with family; traveling.



Penny Antell

Principal

Wisconsin Rapids School District

Number of Years in Education: 32

Brief summary of career: In my 32 years in education, I have served as a classroom teacher, Reading Specialist, Title I Director, and Elementary Principal. My passion for student learning and well-being has allowed me to work in my mission field all these years.

Post Retirement Plans: My husband of 29 years and I plan to travel far and wide in our retirement years. This first year, we'll cover the majority of the United States.



Peter Kittel

Principal

Brillion Public Schools

Number of Years in Education: 36

Brief summary of career: I started my teaching career at Marshfield High School as a mathematics teacher as well as a football, basketball and track coach for 4 years. I have spent the last 32 years at Brillion High Schools where I have taught math (25 years), served as athletic director (15years), was the head boys basketball coach (25 years) and head football coach (21 years), and spent my last 7 years as the high school principal.

Post Retirement Plans: I plan to serve as the Eastern Wisconsin Conference Commissioner, as well as spend time golfing, biking and attending sporting events



Robert Nickel

Principal

Sturgeon Bay School District

Number of Years in Education: 39

Brief summary of career: My career includes 23 years' experience as a high school business education teacher and 16 years' experience as a high school principal. I started my career at Algoma Schools, moved to Sevastopol Schools, and finished at Sturgeon Bay.



Shawn Jepson

Principal

Tri-County Area School District

Number of Years in Education: 32

Brief summary of career: I couldn't have asked for a better "fit" career!
Truly a joy!

Post Retirement Plans: Maintain good health and head south during the bitter cold winter!



Steve Dinkel

Principal

School District of Jefferson

Number of Years in Education: 33

Brief summary of career: I started my career teaching health education and coaching football, wrestling and coordinating our weight room. Graduated from UW-Madison with a Masters in Education Administration. I went on to teach and coach at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for thirteen years. I returned to secondary education in administration in 2013. I have had a blessed career teaching and coaching winning state championships and

national championships, but the most significant memory for me are the relationships that were formed over 33 years. I had the pleasure to work with a tremendous faculty at Jefferson High School which made coming to work an enjoyable experience!

Post Retirement Plans: Traveling with my wife who is retiring this year as well. Visit every Diner, Drive-ins and Dives location!



Terri Montgomery

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

School District of Monroe

Number of Years in Education: 21

Brief summary of career: I began my career as a special education teacher, then reading specialist, AP at our middle school and then Director of Curriculum & Instruction. I have been the C&I Director for the last 7 years.

Post Retirement Plans: Running for school board, volunteering at my grandchildren's elementary school in Monroe, volunteering at The Monroe Clinic and traveling with my husband.



Tom Chambers

Principal

Black River Falls School District

Number of Years in Education: 30

Brief summary of career: A Fulbright Scholarship that made possible a most amazing teaching experience near Salzburg, Austria helped launch my career as an educator. First as an English Teacher there and later in the newly re-unified eastern part of Germany. When I later returned to the US with a "new family" in tow, I enjoyed the privilege of teaching German in Sparta, then Tomah with my new spouse where we opened the eyes and minds of so many young people to the world beyond Wisconsin. I finished my career as an

administrator, first in Tomah, then the final 15 years in Black River Falls where I am especially proud of the many career pathways and post-secondary opportunities our students have access to through amazing collaborations with local and regional businesses and colleges.

Post Retirement Plans: I can't wait to travel all over the country and the world, with my wife (and grandkids). I will also be working not-quite-full-time with in my wife's business. Finally, both of us will have more time to a huge part of our grandkids' lives.

These educators have also retired from administrative positions during the past year, however, information for this book was not available at the time of publication.

Christopher Multhauf, Waterford Graded J1 School District

Jeff Soderberg, Mosinee School District

Jeff Schreiner, Monona Grove School District

Jim Torzala, Lena School District

Mark Porter, Lake Holcombe School District

Mary Allen, Green Lake School District

Tim Burns, Wisconsin Rapids School District

