



OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT #68

6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607

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Dear Oak Grove Staff, Families, and Community,

It gives us great pleasure to announce that at the regularly scheduled April 28th Oak Grove School District #68 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Brian Bishop was unanimously approved as the Oak Grove School Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Bishop currently serves as the Principal of New Berlin Elementary School. Mr. Bishop was one of fourteen applicants that applied for the principal position and eventually rose to the top after two rounds of interviews. Professionally, he is looking forward to becoming the Principal of Oak Grove School.



Mr. Bishop states, “I am so honored to have been chosen to join the Oak Grove family as Principal. I look forward to meeting everyone in our school community over the next few months as I begin my transition into the position. As our mission statement states, I too pledge to ensure student success by providing a positive learning environment that meets the needs of every child. There are so many great things happening for our students already and together, I know we can inspire our students to soar to new heights!”

Personally, Mr. Bishop is a doctoral student in P-12 Educational Leadership at Illinois State University in Normal, where he resides. He is married and has children of varying ages. Professionally, much of Mr. Bishop’s experiences took place in New York State prior to his family relocating to central Illinois for his wife’s work with State Farm. Mr. Bishop has an accomplished resume with administrative experiences over the past two decades. His first initiatives as Principal will be to implement the newly approved School Improvement Plan and provide quality professional development to faculty on the Danielson model.

Due to the current rules associated with social distancing, a meet and greet with Mr. Bishop is not allowed at this time but it is our hope that Mr. Bishop will have the opportunity to meet Oak Grove families and students as the 2021-22 school year approaches. We welcome Mr. Bishop into the Oak Grove School District and look for great things from him as he begins.

All the Best,

Mr. Matthew Bender Board of Education President

Dr. Loren Baele Superintendent