



OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT #68

6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
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Dear Oak Grove Staff, Families, and Community,

It gives us great pleasure to announce that at the regularly scheduled April 22nd Oak Grove School District #68 Board of Education meeting, Ms. Natalie Perry was unanimously approved as the Oak Grove School Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Perry currently serves as an Assistant Principal at the Farmington K-5 Elementary School and as the Farmington School District Technology Integration Specialist. Ms. Perry was one of sixteen applicants that applied for the principal position and eventually rose to the top after two rounds of interviews. Professionally, she is looking forward to becoming the Principal of Oak Grove School.

Ms. Perry states, ""It is my honor to accept the position of Principal at Oak Grove School! The opportunity to lead a school known for amazing students, innovative staff, and a supportive community is all that I could ask for. In the upcoming school year, I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders of the Oak Grove community and getting to work on the best ways to support student achievement. It's a great day to be an Eagle!"

Personally, Ms. Perry will be getting married in June so her name will be Mrs. Natalie Almasi when she officially starts with the school district on July 1, 2020. Professionally, Ms. Perry is active in the Illinois Principal Association as well as the Illinois Digital Educators Alliance. She implemented Best Buddies and Girls on the Run at her school, she also plans and coordinates professional development for all staff. Prior to her work at Farmington, Ms. Perry was a 2nd grade teacher within the East Peoria Elementary School District. Ms. Perry received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration from Aurora University in 2017.

Due to the current rules associated with social distancing, a meet and greet with Ms. Perry is not allowed at this time but it is our hope that Ms. Perry will have the opportunity to meet Oak Grove families and students very soon. We welcome Ms. Perry into the Oak Grove School District and look for great things from her as she begins.

All the Best,

Mr. Matthew Bender Board of Education President

Dr. Loren Baele Superintendent