



NES Principal Announcement

Over the past two months, NCS has engaged in a comprehensive search to identify the next elementary school principal given Kris Saucke's retirement at the end of the school year. The pool of candidates was exceptionally strong, which is a testament to the fact NCS is a wonderful place to teach and support students. I am very pleased to share that Katie Piedici was recommended and approved by the NCS Board of Education to serve as the next NES principal.

As you may know, Katie has worked at NCS for many years, both as a teacher and most recently our Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Katie has also served successfully the role of interim principal in previous years, both at the elementary and high school level. These experiences, coupled with Katie's strong work ethic and student-centered focus should ensure a smooth transition in the building. I have no doubt Katie will continue to support all that makes NES the outstanding building it is, while also being a collaborative, forward-thinking leader who will ensure we provide our students the best opportunities that will prepare them for the future.

Katie completed her undergraduate degree at Buffalo State, her master's in education at Nazareth College. She served as an art teacher at NCS (both High School and Elementary levels) for 7.5 years. Upon earning her administrative certification, Katie served as an assistant principal in the Canandaigua Central School District before returning to NCS 7 years ago as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Upon her appointment, Katie wanted to share the following with NCS stakeholders:

"I am honored and excited to serve Naples CSD as the Elementary Principal. I have loved the time I have spent in Naples over my career. Naples Elementary School has always had a special

place in my heart. I look forward to working alongside the staff, students, and families, and can't wait to see what we will accomplish together!"

I want to extend my thanks to all of our constituents who participated in the process. Again, we extend our thanks and appreciation to Ms. Saucke for all of her contributions to NCS; I know she is eager and excited to assist in a smooth transition over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Kevin Swartz

NCS Superintendent