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Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A

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The Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A Board of Education has named a new assistant principal for Oakwood School. Mr. Joseph Trsar, currently assistant principal of Wenger School in West Chicago IL, will assume the Oakwood assistant principal position on July 1.

Trsar holds a Master of Arts degree in both Education from North Park University and Educational Administration from Aurora University. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business and German. Mr. Trsar has experience as a teacher of languages, both English and Mandarin, to early childhood students while teaching in Taiwan and in Illinois, as well as experience with developing programming for English language learners.

Looking forward to joining the District 113A learning community, Trsar shared his enthusiasm about his new position. Mr. Trsar shared "I am so thrilled to join Oakwood and look forward to forming relationships with the entire learning community in order to help all kids build the foundational skills to be lifelong learners, gain the confidence to make and learn from mistakes, explore their curiosities, and form a 'growth-mindset' to develop perseverance when faced with challenges."

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Trsar on June 13th. The appointment follows a rigorous and extensive search process including a candidate pool of over 70 applicants and multiple rounds of interviews with district administrators, Oakwood school staff, parents, and the Board of Education.

During the interview process, staff described Mr. Trsar as "dedicated to the profession, collaborative," and someone who is "warm, kind, energetic, relatable and understands the importance of supporting and engaging staff, students, and families." One staff member said, "He is going to be a valuable asset for the Oakwood School family." Parents commented that he is a "perfect fit" who has "an infectious enthusiasm and creativity which is needed at the primary level."

"I believe Mr. Trsar will be an exceptional assistant principal for Oakwood School," noted Oakwood Principal Kelly Zimmerman. "He embodies all of the attributes that we were seeking in a primary assistant principal. He has an enthusiastic energy, nurturing demeanor, and heart for our youngest learners. He has an in-depth understanding of curriculum and effective instructional practices."

The district will host a Meet and Greet opportunity for parents and staff to meet Trsar in August.